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Many early voters wait outside the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe before being allowed to come in and cast their votes during the start of the seven-day early voting yesterday in the CNMI.

## Big turnout as early voting starts

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**T**he Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe was swarmed with voters as the seven-day early voting kicked off yesterday at 8:30am. The first day of early voting was smooth and peaceful on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

"We're expecting a big turnout for early voting, but we did not expect this big turnout on the first day, this morning for that matter," Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Robert A. Guerrero said, referring to Saipan's situation.



Guerrero

Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* last night that 591 voted early on Saipan, 29 on Tinian, and 36 on Rota.

He said they were expecting early voters to gradually come, similar to previous elections.

When told that some voters complained of waiting

for four hours before they were called in, Guerrero said he isn't surprised because a lot of people came in the morning even before the 8:30 opening.

He said they divided the voters into two separate lines and the elderly and sickly ones were accommodated first as common courtesy.

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## Credit union ready to release \$347K to 695 members

With funding made possible through the fiscal year 2015 budget approved by Gov. Eloy S. Inos, the Commonwealth Government Employees' Credit Union is now ready to release over \$347,000 to close to 700 members.

CGECU board chair Angel A. Demapan announced yesterday this assistance so we can finally make



Demapan

that the credit union was finally able to process the disbursements after confirming that the funds had been transferred by the Department of Finance.

"We are truly grateful for the support of the Legislature and the Inos administration for providing

whole with our members who do not have any outstanding loans," said Demapan. "Unfortunately, when this new board took office, the [credit union] was already battling many challenges resulting from an alarmingly high rate of delinquent loans."

Demapan said he immediately raised grave concerns regarding the solvency and future of the credit union.

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## Bid to sequester ballots denied

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has denied the Commonwealth Election Commission's motion to delay the tabulation and certification of votes cast for the Article 12 initiative.



Manglona

In a 14-page order issued late afternoon Monday, Manglona ruled that the harm to CEC and Gov. Eloy S. Inos is too speculative even to support an injunction to prohibit enforcement of House Legislative Initiative 18-1 in the event it passes.

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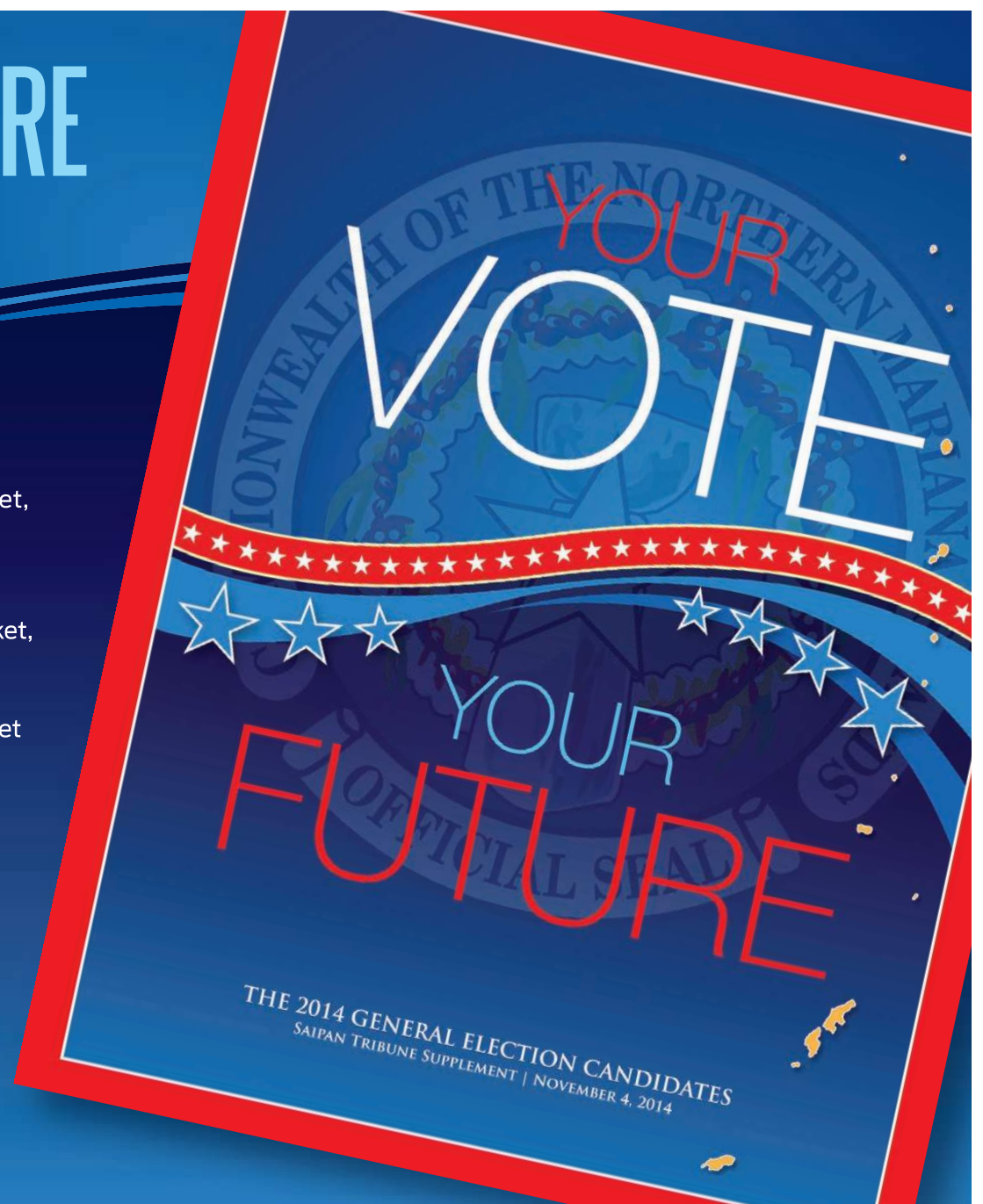
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# Healthcare corporation selects CFO candidate

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The Commonwealth Health-

care Corp. is finally looking at the possible acceptance of one individual to become the corporation's financial chief.

CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that they have already se-

lected a candidate.

"We have interviewed somebody already. We have a candidate and we are just

waiting for her acceptance of the job. We're providing an offer letter before the end of this week with the same benefits that we usually offer and we ask that she try to come here before the end of the year," Muña said.

She said the chosen candidate is from the U.S. mainland but her name can't be disclosed yet because of her current job and she still has to give notice to her employer.

The chosen candidate for CHCC's chief financial officer position has experience in working for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' finance and reimbursement department. She has also experience in working with hospitals.

Former CHCC CFO Jack Taitague resigned from the post in August.

In addition, CHCC recently inked a financial management contract with the Pacific Island Health Officer Association, or PIHOA. The association gave CHCC a grant to hire a contractor that will work on the financial management side of CHCC.

Muña said that CHCC will split responsibilities between the contractor under PIHOA and the incoming financial chief.

Muña said the contractor can start right away because it is arranged by PIHOA.

"We are very excited because we have that position from PIHOA and a candidate for the financial chief, if she accepts the position," Muña said.

She said the contractor under PIHOA has a CFO experience as well and will help put the corporation in a better financial standing. The contractor under PIHOA will only be working with CHCC for about three months, with a liquidation period.

Muña said they are also looking for a controller and is hoping for the position to be funded by another grant. The controller will help with the more detailed operations of the hospital such as account payables, working with financial auditors, and assisting the financial chief.

"It is going to be great and we never had this much help. These are all support that we got from grants and if the financial team [financial chief, financial management contractor, and controller] goes through, the public can expect a faster system for payments, billings, and accuracy," she said.

## Loan from Florida firm is a no-go for CUC

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The possible loan that a Florida-based financing firm had offered the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to fund its projects is no longer in the works, according to CUC board chair David Sablan Jr.

In an email to *Saipan Tribune* over the weekend, Sablan said that CUC should invite all interested financial institutions to offer their services via a proper request for proposals, or RFP.

"In order to not jeopardize

their chance to participate in the RFP invitation, it would be best to avoid any further contact with the company," Sablan said.

On Sept. 23, the CUC board disclosed that Capital Projects Finance Authority had gotten in touch with CUC about possibly loaning CUC the funds it needs for some of its stalled projects.

In that board meeting last month, CUC executive director Alan Fletcher said that as far as financial organizations are concerned, CUC is interested.

"We are interested but there are many issues involved so we need to discuss this with CPFA on the loan they are offering," he had said.

CPFA describes itself on its website as "a public body corporate and politic" based in Haven, Florida, that was created for the purpose of making loans to qualified public agencies in Florida or the United States. They provide financing for capital projects.

Fletcher had said CUC would need to do some sort of request for proposal.

Sablan said that they have a contract to study the types of generators, fuel sources and financial arrangements for CUC once CUC's financial posture improves.

"Leidos Engineering LLC, is contracted to talk to all interested financial institutions, so they can be evaluated to determine the best approach for CUC to finance capital improvements to the islandwide power system," he said.

The CPFA firm will be presenting its case tomorrow, Oct. 30, according to CUC's latest notice of its upcoming board meeting.

## \$5.19M needed to build NMC's tourism building

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It's been 16 years since plans for the Northern Marianas College's business and hospitality learning building were approved in 1998 but those plans have yet to be realized.

In June this year, a rough cost estimate was presented to the college for the conceptual classroom and lecture hall of this building.

Richard Cody of Taniguchi Ruth Makio Architects and the American Institute of Architects presented the estimates to NMC's facilities manager John Guerrero.

Five classrooms of 900 square feet each on the ground floor is estimated to cost \$900.

The floor's toilet block was estimated at \$236,250. The floor's elevator was estimated to cost \$80,000.

The building's courtyard, about 6,000 square feet, was es-

timated to cost \$60,000.

Excavation was estimated to cost \$25,000.

For the upper floor, the seven classrooms, also 900 square feet each, were estimated to cost \$1,260,000.

The lecture hall, which would measure 5,200 square feet, is estimated to cost \$1.56 million.

The upper floor's deck ran \$310,000, and the stairs ran \$65,000 in estimated costs.

The total estimated cost is \$5.19 million, factoring in overhead and profit of 10 percent and a business gross revenue tax of 5 percent.

Lately, the college has called itself an avenue for the workforce, as it believes it can provide the education and training needed for the possible end of the contract worker program in the next five years.

Plans for the college's reconstruction to suit this vision, like plans for the hospitality build-

ing, have stalled due to competing or overlapping needs, according to regent William Torres, chairman of the Board of Regents fiscal committee on facilities.

He earlier said that an annual \$3 million in Capital Improvement Project funds from the local government would significantly push these ef-

forts forward.

In an interview, Torres essentially said that if \$3 million in CIP funds were given to NMC annually, the college could find ways to appropriate the remaining costs to finally construct the hospitality building.

NMC was not allotted any CIP funds for fiscal year 2015, according to the CNMI CIP spending plan submitted to the Office of Insular Affairs.

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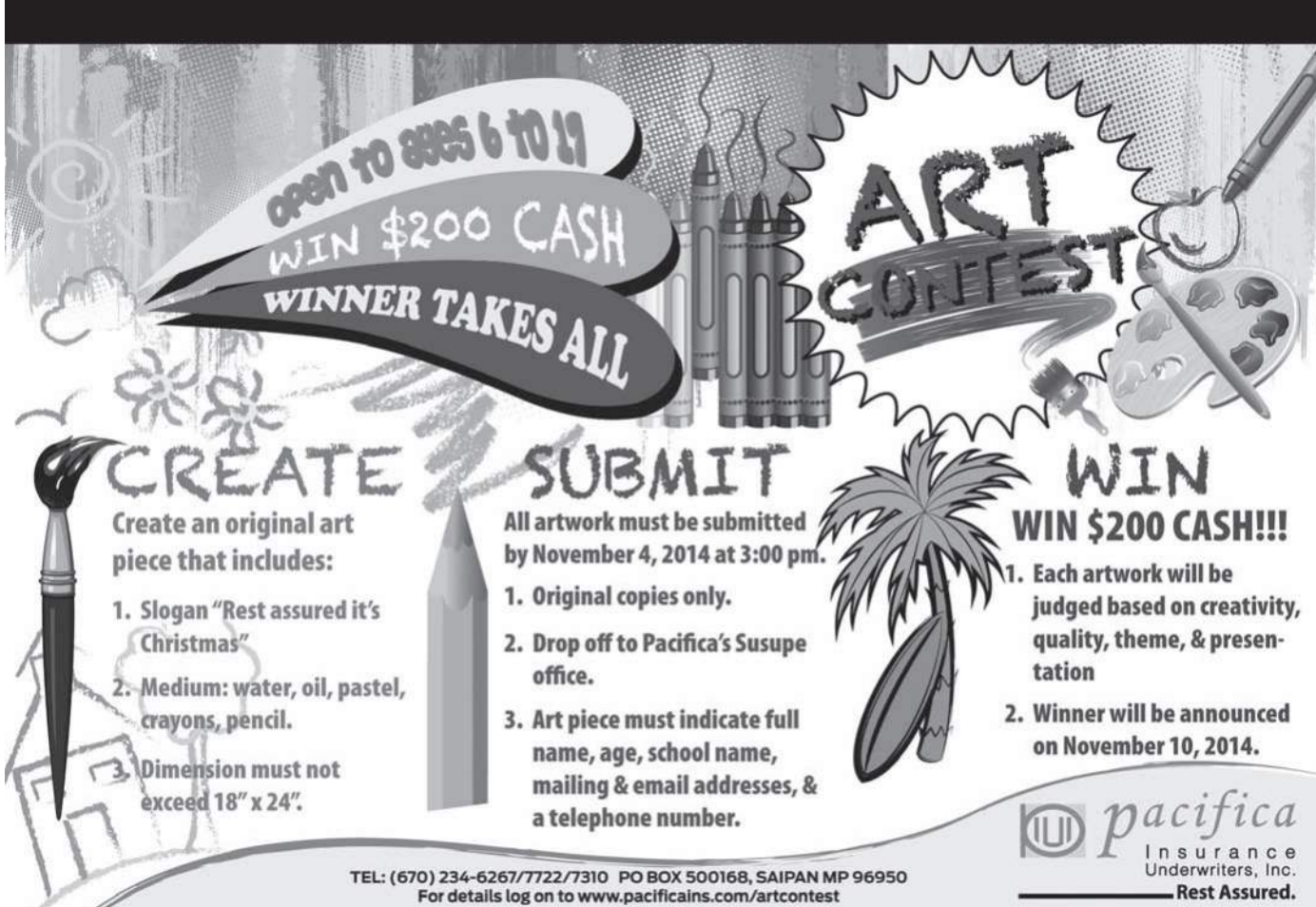
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# GOP confident Inos will do well in forum

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When he does arrive and take part in the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's Gubernatorial Forum tomorrow night, the CNMI Republic Party is confident that Gov. Eloy S. Inos will do well in the event.

GOP media coordinator Ivan Blanco said while there is still no knowing for sure when the governor will be back, he is pretty confident that if Inos takes part in the forum he will be able to more than stand his ground against other bets and articulate his position on issues presented.

Blanco said being the sitting governor; Inos will have a better grasp of the policies his

administration has introduced compared to other candidates running for governor.

While he wouldn't commit when exactly Inos will be flying home to resume his political campaign for the governorship of the CNMI, Blanco said the best scenario is for the governor to return a day before the forum, which is today, Wednesday.

"If he comes in early in the morning Thursday he will only have a few hours to prepare. That is a concern that we need to sit down with him. Our standpoint is, will he have enough rest? We just want to make sure he has enough rest because of the layover in Korea."

He said Inos' arrival will

all depend on his daughters and doctors.

Chamber executive director Jill Arenovski, meanwhile, said that they have tentatively reset the Gubernatorial Forum tomorrow, Oct. 30, 6pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

She said her staff is currently working the phones lines to get confirmation from the respective campaign managers of Inos and other gubernatorial candidates Heinz S. Hofschneider, Juan N. Babauta, and Edward M. Deleon Guerrero about the new date of the forum.

The 2014 general elections will have Inos and his running mate, Senate President Ralph Torres, running under the CNMI Republic Party banner.

The GOP duo will be challenged by former governor Babauta and his running mate, former senator Juan Torres; former House speaker Hofschneider and his running mate, former Senate floor leader Ray N. Yumul; and former Commonwealth Ports Authority execu-

## Veterans Day proclamation signing reset

Due to a scheduling conflict, the date of the proclamation signing for Veterans Day has been moved to next week Thursday, Nov. 6, 2014, at 9am at the Governor's Office conference room on Capital Hill. All Veterans and reserved military members and the public are invited to the proclamation signing. (PR)

## CK traffic lights to be operational by Oct. 30

The Department of Public Works announced yesterday that the newly installed traffic signal located in the intersection of Beach Road and Tun Segundo in Chalan Kanoa Village will be put in full operation on or about Oct. 30, 2014.

Motorists are advised to observe and be aware of the new traffic movements in the vicinity of the new signalized intersection.

"Please drive safely and defensively," said DPW Secretary Martin C. Sablan. (PR)

## Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer endorses Kilili

Rep. Steny Hoyer, the second highest ranking Democratic leader in the U.S. House of Representatives, has endorsed his fellow congressman Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan for re-election. Hoyer (D-Maryland) serves as the Democratic Whip, next in line to be the House minority leader.

» 'A strong and effective representative for your islands'

"Congressman Sablan is a strong and effective representative for your islands," Hoyer wrote in an open letter to the people of the Northern Marianas.

"[Kilili] regularly tells his

colleagues in the House of Representatives about the needs and the accomplishments of his constituents. And he is always ready and willing to work with any Member from either party to get things done for you."

"At the same time, he understands his responsibility as your voice in guiding the policies of our nation. He brings his experience serving in the Armed Forces as well as the unique geopolitical and cultural views of your islands to the debate in Congress."

"We are proud that Americans

in the Northern Mariana Islands are represented in the U.S. Congress. And I believe you chose well by making Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan your very first representative."

Sablan said that he is grateful for the support of the Democratic Whip. Sablan himself serves as one of the Democrats Regional Whips, representing Northern California, Hawaii, and the Pacific Islands. He is the only Independent to be elected to that Democratic Party position during the 113th Congress.

"When you vote on Nov. 4, I encourage you to re-elect Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan," Hoyer said. (PR)

## VOTING

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Mary Castro, 54, said the early voting process was fast as she waited only 10 minutes to be allowed to get in and cast her vote.

Castro said it was her first time to vote early and that she did it just to make sure in case she can't make it on Sunday or during the Nov. 4 election day.

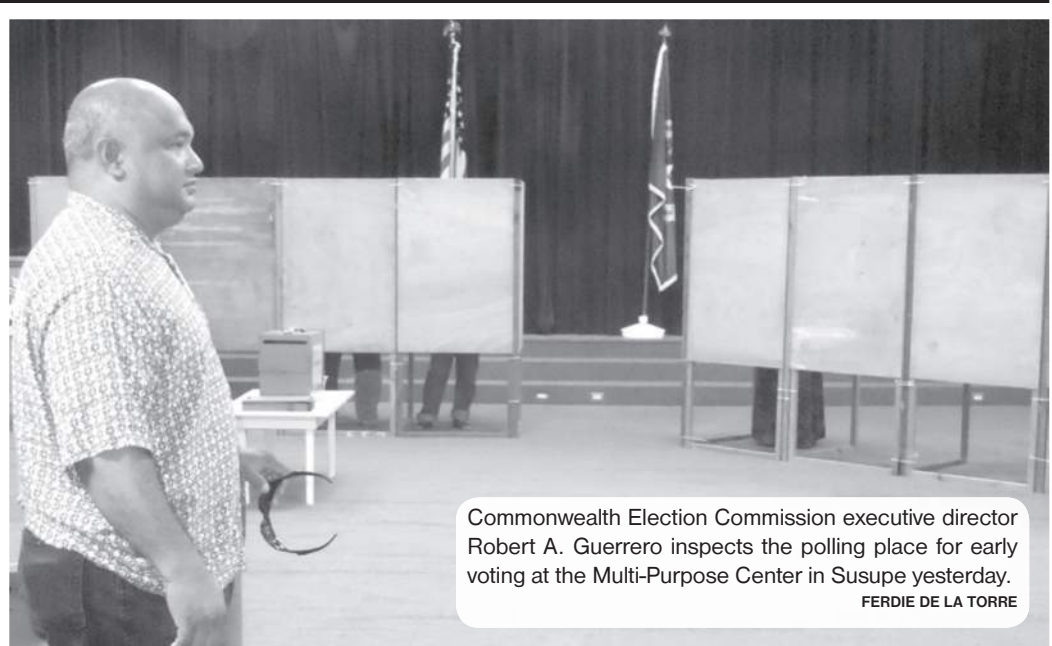
Castro is a voter for Precinct 1 on Saipan.

A 67-year-old woman who only identified herself as Mrs. Kileman said she also voted early in 2012 because it's not crowded.

Mrs. Kileman said the process yesterday was also fast because the old and sickly people like her were allowed to vote first.

Carmen Masga, 20, said she voted early because she's from Rota. She also joined early voters in the 2012 election.

A 50-year-old native of Anatahan who identified herself as



Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Robert A. Guerrero inspects the polling place for early voting at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe yesterday.  
FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Grace was among those who fell in line yesterday shortly before noon. At that time, Grace said she's been waiting for 45 minutes already, but some have already waited for three hours.

Grace, who has been staying on Saipan for three years now, said it's also her first time to vote early.

Ben Pelisamen, 34, an emergency medical technician, was also among those waiting on the long line.

Pelisamen, who is a native of Anatahan, said he came at 8:30am, knowing that the early voting at multi-purpose center was only for the Northern Islands, Tinian, and Rota.

"I don't know about Saipan.

We just found out about it now," he said.

Pelisamen said he and other people from the Northern Islands want to vote on the first day of early voting to avoid the kind of overcrowding that they, however, ended up with.

Some voters who had yet to be called in by lunchtime decided to just leave.

contact Ruth Ann P. Sakisat, acting general manager, at 670-237-2200 for information regarding their account and disbursement. The credit union is now located within the Office of the Governor on Capital Hill. (CGECU)

## CREDIT

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"We brought the matter to the attention of Gov. Inos and we are grateful that he was very quick to work with us and the Legislature

to come up with the relief we needed," added Demapan.

Demapan also expressed appreciation to credit union members for their patience while the agency worked with the administration and the Legislature to come up with

an amicable solution.

"Our members have waited for too long, so we are definitely pleased that we are now ready to disburse their funds," said Demapan.

CGECU members withdrawing their funds are advised to

tive director Edward "Tofila" M. Deleon Guerrero and his running mate, former senator Daniel Quitugua.

Hofschneider and Yumul and

Babauta and Torres tandems are running as independents, while Deleon Guerrero and Quitugua are running under the CNMI Democratic Party.

## BID

From Page 1

Even if CEC's appeal of the decision she issued last May 20 raised serious questions on the merits, Manglona said she would deny the relief that CEC and Inos have proposed.

In that May 20, 2014, landmark decision in connection with a lawsuit filed by John H. Davis Jr., Manglona ruled that qualified voters who are not of Northern Marianas descent must have the opportunity to vote on Article 12 initiative or any other initiatives to amend Article 12.

House Legislative Initiative 18-1 is a proposed amendment to Article 12, which restricts the ownership of land in the CNMI to persons of Northern Marianas descent.

Davis, a registered voter in the NMI and a non-NMD, sued CEC and its officials in his desire to vote on any initiative to amend Article 12. Manglona ruled in favor of Davis.

CEC appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, seeking to overturn Manglona's ruling.

More than four months later and barely a month before the Nov. 4 general election, CEC and Inos, through the Office of the Attorney General, filed in the Ninth Circuit an urgent motion for injunction pending appeal. The Ninth Circuit denied the motion.

Assistant attorney general Charles E. Brasington recently filed in federal court a motion to sequester the ballots on behalf of CEC and Inos.

Brasington asked the court to allow everybody to vote on House Legislative Initiative 18-1 pursuant to Manglona's May 20 order but postpone the tabulation of such votes until the appeal process has concluded.

Brasington asked the court to grant an injunction preventing CEC from tabulating the votes on House Legislative Initiative 18-1 and instructing them to sequester the ballots until the appeal is decided.

Attorney Jeanne H. Rayphand, counsel for Davis, opposed the motion. Rayphand argued that voting includes tabulating the votes and announcing the results.

Rayphand said they don't want any more denial of the right to vote.

Manglona heard the motion on Monday at 1:30pm. After the hearing, she placed the matter under advisement.

In her order issued Monday afternoon, Manglona said on the merits, defendants do no more than rehash the summary judgment arguments that she has already rejected.

Manglona said because the defendants have not provided

any reason for the court to change its view, they have failed to make a strong showing that their appeal is likely to succeed on the merits.

The judge said a victory for the Commonwealth on appeal would essentially turn the initiative into a nonbinding referendum and it does the Commonwealth no apparent injury to know how all its qualified voters would have liked the outcome of the initiative ballot to be.

Since NMD voters will not be given a different ballot from non-NMD voters, the vote totals will not show what effect (if any) the participation of non-NMDs had on the result, Manglona said.

Even assuming that her May 20 decision is overturned, Manglona said there is still no assurance that the outcome of a special election, in which only NMD voters participate, would be different.

Moreover, she noted, an injunction would not, at this late date, save the Commonwealth much money as the ballots have already been printed and the tabulation system has been programmed to count the ballots.

Manglona said if House Legislative Initiative 18-1 passes, it will go into effect immediately and that persons with only "some degree" of "Northern Marianas Chamorro or Carolinian blood"—the percent quantum is one-quarter—will become NMDs.

The defendants argue that the Department of Public Lands will be inundated with applications for homesteads by new NMDs but Manglona pointed out that House Legislative Initiative 18-1 requires new claimants to NMD status to prove their claims in the Superior Court.

CEC argue that such litigation will clog the courts but Manglona said she declines to opine on what the Commonwealth courts could or should do, and whether the CNMI executive should forebear from enforcing a law.

"However, it must be borne out in mind that the harms to defendants are speculative," the judge said.

Manglona said on the other side of the balance, the harm to the voters from an indefinite postponement of the vote count is substantial.

"The right to vote means the right to have one's vote counted," Manglona said.

The judge also noted that defendants have not adequately explained why they waited nearly five months to seek relief from the effects of her May 20 order on the November 2014 election.

"As early as March, they knew that H.L.I. 18-1 would be put before the voters no later than the next general election in November," Manglona added.



# Manglona gets another 'good' rating; Naraja and Govendo get 'acceptable'

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Associate Justice John A. Manglona got a "good" total average rating, while Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja and Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo each obtained an "acceptable" total average rating in the CNMI Bar Association's evaluation of their performances on the bench.

According to the Bar Association's results of the performance evaluation released to the media yesterday, Manglona obtained a high average rating of 4.06, while Naraja and Govendo got a similar average rating of 3.3.

"Good" or a total average of 4 means the magistrate often exceeds minimum standards of performance.

"Acceptable" or a total average of 3 means the magistrate meets minimum standards of performance.

The other ratings are excellent, deficient, and unacceptable.

"Excellent" or a total average of 5 means the magistrate consistently exceeds minimum standards of performance.

"Deficient" or a total average of 2 means the magistrate does not always meet minimum standards of performance.

"Unacceptable" or a total average of 1 means the magistrate seldom meets minimum stan-

dards of performance.

The evaluation rated the magistrates based on the following criteria: experience, integrity, professional competence, judicial temperament, service to law/contribution to justice, preparation, attentiveness, control over proceedings, judicial management skills, courtesy, public disciplinary sanctions, and quality of opinions.

Manglona's highest rating was 4.4 for courtesy; his lowest was 3.75 for public disciplinary sanctions.

Naraja's highest rating was 3.8 for courtesy; his lowest was 2.08 for professional competence.

Govendo's highest rating was 3.9 for experience; his lowest was 2.8 for judicial temperament.

Bar Association president Maya B. Kara already informed the magistrates about the results. She also provided a copy of the results to Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, Senate President Ralph DLG. Torres, and House Speaker Joseph P. DeLeon Guerrero.

Kara said the Bar Association established in 2002 a mechanism by which nominees for judicial appointment or retention may be evaluated by the association.

Kara said the association invited its active members last

Sept. 25 to confidentially evaluate Manglona, Naraja, and Govendo, with respect to their individual qualifications for retention in judicial office. Kara said members had until Oct. 20, 2014, to respond to the survey.

The evaluation, she said, is based on the American Bar Association's May 2000 report entitled "Standards on State Judicial Selection."

Kara said the CNMI Bar Association has 200 active members, about 120 of whom primarily practice law in the Commonwealth.

Of those 120 active CNMI-based lawyers, about 40 are employees of the government in various capacities, she said.

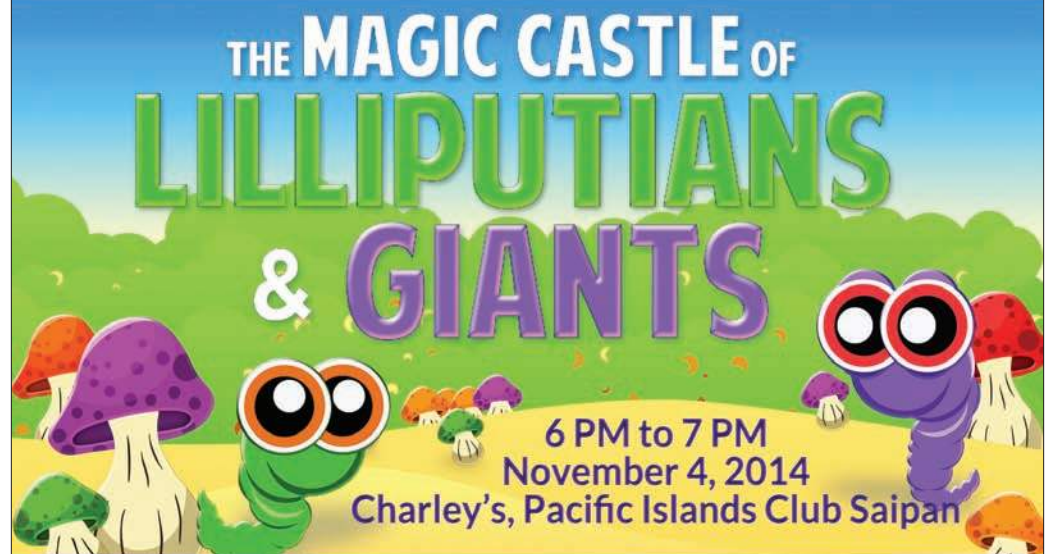
Kara said 30 active CNMI-based Bar members timely submitted the evaluation forms.

Justice Manglona and his wife, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona, are the first to obtain an impressive "good" rating among the magistrates who underwent performance evaluation by the CNMI Bar Association. The couple obtained the "good" rating during the performance evaluation in 2007.

According to records, except for the Manglona couple, all other magistrates who sought for retention on the bench got the "acceptable" total average rating.

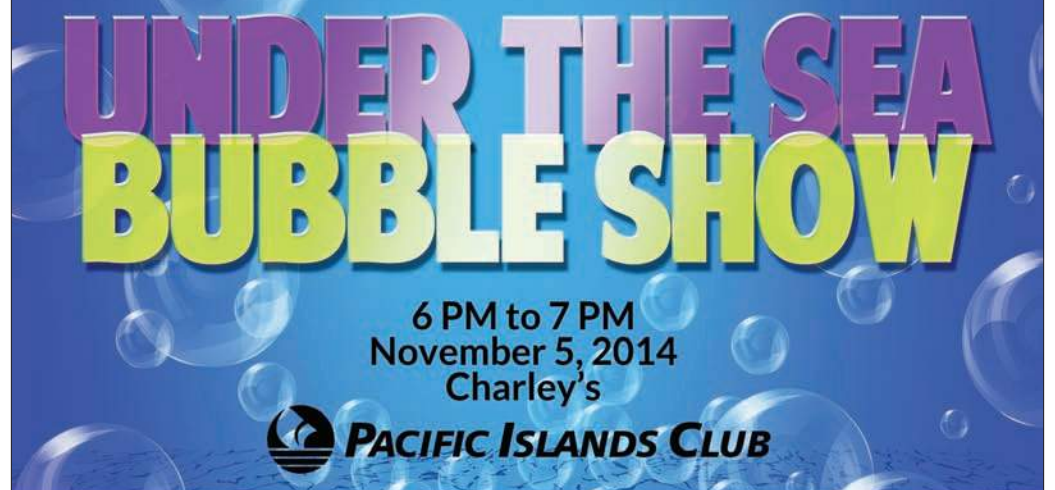
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# Best Sunshine welcomes Jacqueline Wu to Saipan team

Best Sunshine International announced yesterday the appointment of Jacqueline Wu as Senior Vice President - Corporate Marketing.

Jacqueline recently arrived on Saipan and is already immersing herself in her tasks ahead. Getting to know the lay-of-the-land and initiating contact with Saipan's local media professionals is just the beginning of what awaits her.

She brings a wealth of 18 years in communications and marketing experience to Saipan, having served in several multinational corporations, including eight years at Sands China, a wholly owned subsidiary of Las Vegas Sands Corp.

During the months ahead, the people of Saipan will get



**MAKOS STUDIO**  
Jacqueline Wu, Best Sunshine's Senior Vice President - Corporate Marketing, joins the company's Saipan management team.

to know Jacqueline a lot better. She aims to take the forefront in organizing a number of community activities in conjunction with existing community groups and business associations.

"BSI strives to be a great corporate citizen and I look forward to delving deep into the community and assess where an organization like BSI can make a lasting contribution," Jacqueline notes. "Although far away from my home of Canada, I already sense the warmth of the local people [on] Saipan and I look forward to making your beautiful island my home for many years to come!"

Her portfolio of responsibilities also includes Destination and Trade Marketing—essential skills required to attract an ever-growing number of international travelers to Saipan.

"I am honored to be part of the BSI family and to join the

community of Saipan. Our project is going to wow many people in the industry and will attract so much attention in the next few years! Saipan will absolutely become a destination that people will add to their top 10 'must-visit' list. ... And most important of all, this is a great place to live, work and have fun," said Jacqueline.

Her team kicks off with a series of visits to the local community and media. One of the key agenda items in November is the planning and execution of a BSI-driven program, called "Best Sunshine's Beautification Campaign."

The purpose of the campaign is to draw attention to the ecological maintenance of Saipan's top tourism venues.

"We warmly welcome local volunteers to participate in our November activities. An hourly contribution of \$7.50 will be paid to all legitimate and enthusiastic volunteers," she adds.

Please email Jacqueline at BeautificationCampaign@bestsunshineint.com or call +1 670 233-9188 for more information!

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## 709 strays captured as of Oct.

By JAYSON CAMACHO  
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REPORTER

The Saipan Mayor's Office Dog Control Program has captured 709 stray dogs over the course of 10 months this year, according to program manager Spencer Marchadesch.

Yet despite this large number of dogs being captured, "there are still a lot of dogs out there," he said.

"My staff are doing their best to try to help everyone out so we do have a lot of requests and complaints and we are doing our best to address the issue," Marchadesch said.

According to him, his office receives an average of 10 phone calls a day about stray dog problems.

The most frequent complaints are sanitation issues, with dogs scattering garbage in the neighborhood where the dog is located. Other complaints include nonstop barking that intimidate pedestrians and dog bites.

Majority of these calls complaining about stray dog problems come from Dandan, he added.

"With the dog bite complaints, we still have them unfortunately, and it is those kinds of emergency that we do respond right away," Marchadesch said.

Of the 709 dogs captured as of Oct. 24 this year, 57 were captured in October alone. January had 88 captures, February had 85, March had 98, April had 65, May had 76, June had 88, July had 48, August had 80,

and September had 81.

Dogs that are captured are taken to the dog pound in Lower base and are kept there for five days—exactly 120 hours—and if no one claims them, they are either put up for adoption or euthanized.

Recent data provided by Marchadesch shows that 77 dogs had been reclaimed, 23 were adopted, 22 remain at the dog pound, and about 587 have been euthanized.

Marchadesch said that CNMI state veterinarian Dr. Ignacio Dela Cruz of the Department of Land and Natural Resources does the euthanizing and visits the dog pound thrice a week.

Dogs that are euthanized are buried at the Marpi landfill.

Marchadesch said they are still awaiting the results of a survey on how many dogs are actually on Saipan. The Human Society International did the survey earlier this year. One survey involved counting dogs that are actually seen roaming around and the other involved door-to-door interviews with residents. The results are expected to be released in November.

"If you own a dog or any pet, let's do our part in ensuring their wellbeing. If you can't afford or maybe don't have time to fully commit to caring for your pet, give us a call. Please leash your dogs or keep them in an enclosed area or within the premises. Registration for dog tags is ongoing. Let's all help each other restore our community's peace of mind," Marchadesch said.

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October 29, 2011

### Woman gets 10 months in prison

A former cashier/underwriter of an insurance company who was charged with 54 counts of embezzling money from her former employer and forging a credit card has pleaded guilty as part of a plea deal and was sentenced to 10 months in prison. Rochelle Mendiola Camacho pleaded guilty to three counts of theft by failure to make required disposition of funds received and three counts of misuse of credit card. Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman sentenced Camacho to a total of 10 months in prison to serve without parole starting on Nov. 21, 2011. After completing her sentence, Camacho will be placed on probation for three years. She was also made to pay \$21,500 in restitution to the victims.

### Rep. Palacios arrested

Police detectives served Rep. Raymond D. Palacios (Cov-Saipan) with an arrest warrant late afternoon yesterday on charges of trafficking methamphetamine or "ice." Multiple sources at the Department of Public Safety told Saipan Tribune that Criminal Investigation Bureau detectives served Palacios with the warrant at his residence in Chalan Kanoa. The warrant was issued by Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman. Sources said that Wiseman imposed a \$60,000 cash bail for two counts of trafficking "ice." A lawyer told Saipan Tribune that each offense of "ice" trafficking carries a mandatory prison term of 25 years. Palacios is now being detained at the Department of Corrections in Susupe.

October 29, 2006

### Ex-Senate president Adriano arrested

Police arrested last week on Tinian former Senate president Joaquin G. Adriano for not showing up at a court hearing in child support case. Saipan Tribune learned that police served early last week a bench warrant issued by Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo against Adriano. Attorney Stephanie Flores, counsel for Adriano's former wife, confirmed to Saipan Tribune on Friday that the former senator was indeed arrested. Flores said Tinian police later released Adriano after posting \$500 cash. Govendo ordered Adriano to show cause why he should not be held in contempt for not showing at the hearing. The show cause hearing was set last Friday afternoon.

### Macaranas cautions public on live vintage bombs

The public should be aware that there are still a lot of live vintage bombs on Saipan that are located mostly at construction sites, according to police Sgt. Anthony Macaranas. Macaranas, coordinator of the Department of Public Safety's Explosive Response Team, told Saipan Tribune that they are advising the people that whenever they find live ordnance either around their house or inside the jungle to please call them at 664-9001 or 2. "The tips are you identify, you mark it (ordnance) and make a call and we will come there and pick it up," Macaranas said. The officer asked the people not to play around with it. "Don't touch it, don't even try and do anything. Just make sure that it is placed where it is safe and properly secured so we can come over and take it away," he said.

October 29, 2004

### Firm sues trader over unpaid fuel purchases

A company operating a Shell station on Saipan filed a lawsuit against a businessman over nonpayment of fuel purchases. D & W Enterprises, Inc. lodged a complaint against Mariano M. Falig, who operates the Kosa Fisheries, at the Superior Court. D & W's lawyer, S. Joshua Berger, accused Falig of breaching its contract with his client. Beginning Dec. 2001 until Sept. 2003, Falig purchased diesel from D & W on several occasions, according to Berger. Berger said unpaid purchases now amount to some \$3,864.86. He asked the court to compel Falig to pay D & W the unpaid amount and to shoulder costs incidental to the lawsuit.

### PSS adopts new regs on drug testing

The Board of Education has adopted new regulations that would require certain Public School System employees to undergo drug testing. Starting Nov. 7, PSS will implement drug screening for all employees occupying "safety sensitive positions," particularly bus drivers and mechanics, as well as individuals applying for those positions. Under the regulations, other PSS employees may also be subject to drug testing if they get involved in a traffic accident or based on reasonable suspicion of their supervisors. In a policy statement, BOE said the mandatory drug testing was established to ensure the safety of PSS employees and the community.



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### The jihadist war at our doorstep

**T**he 9/11 attacks forced a retrenchment in the West when traditional methods of waging war proved inadequate against ill-defined, nonstate terrorist groups abroad who don't fight by the normal rules. Well, it's time to retrench again.

The new enemy isn't plotting big missions from training camps in distant countries like Afghanistan or Syria. He or she may be right here among us, perhaps having attended high school with our children or working down the road. The Islamic State is calling on them to attack anywhere, anytime, by whatever means.

Two attacks this week in Ottawa underscore the changing threat. Michael Zehaf-Bibeau, 32, shot and killed a Canadian soldier at a war memorial Wednesday, then opened fire inside the nearby Parliament building as legislators met. Zehaf-Bibeau was killed in a hail of gunfire. He was a recent, radicalized convert to Islam.

On Monday, Martin Couture-Rouleau, 25, plowed his car into two soldiers walking outside a government building, killing one of them. He also had grown radicalized after converting to Islam last year.

Both are known to have followed Islamic State messages online, possibly including one in September urging attacks on Canadian and other Western "disbelievers." "Smash his head with a rock, or slaughter him with a knife, or run him over with your car, or throw him down from a high place, or choke him, or poison him," it said.

Then there's the bizarre story of three Denver-area girls—Americans of Somali and Sudanese descent—who skipped high school and flew to Europe last weekend with plans to join the Islamic State.

These are the types who would bring the war front to the West's doorstep. Tighter borders and police-state tactics won't keep them out; they're already here.

Local police and federal intelligence agencies can, however, escalate efforts to divert homegrown jihadists before they strike. Years ago, the federal government established a network of "fusion centers" designed to help law enforcers develop networks of citizen informers. If anyone is better equipped to recognize and report radicals in their midst, it's the Muslims who socialize and attend mosque with them.

"Most of this intelligence comes from the Muslim community," Mubin Shaikh, a former jihadist and counterintelligence operative, told CNN. He said a jihadist plot last year to attack passenger trains in Canada was foiled by intelligence supplied by a watchful imam.

The idea isn't for Muslims to spy on one another or choose between their religion and their country. The vast majority are horrified by Islamic State violence and, we suspect, would gladly work to prevent its spread in North America.

If they recognize radicals in their midst who are distorting Islamic ideals, now's the time to alert authorities—before they go off the deep end.

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### Kimchi, Soba, BK be

**T**wo of our colleagues wrote of a subject close to our palate. I am only three hours from the Yalu River. *Chao Tian* and *Hanggul* (NoKor and SoKor) are my neighbors, and the old Gogoryeo (from where the word Korea comes from) kingdom included half of Manchuria of old; the Yanbian Autonomous Region in Jilin (*aka* Korea-in-China) Province has ample supply of *la ba cai*, the local spiced cabbage, a mainstay in my fridge.

I spent two months in Suwon outside of Seoul in '72 and, though familiar with spiced cabbage called *kimchi* among Korean fellow students in the United States, it was not until I ate with the locals that I got "addicted" to the taste. It was, perhaps, helpful that there was a Ms. Moon that mooned me with the recipe but that was icing on the cake, or, spice on the cabbage, if you will, rather than the main course itself.

Each time I go to the street market in Shenyang and see *kimchi* on display, I try my *Yo bo sa-i-yo, ann-yang ha ship-ni-ka*, and see if I can get a bite from the vendor. Sure enough, a seller has yet to be anyone other than a *Hanggul Saram* (Korean), and ze makes sure that I get ample supply of the spiced sauce to go with my veggie!

My romance with *udon* (noodles) goes back to '65 when the ship I sailed on for San Francisco docked in Yokohama. A bunch of students from Southeast Asia decided to explore Ginza in Tokyo. At a back alley hole-on-the-wall, the spread of Japanese noodles from the thin *ramen*, *shirataki*, *soba*, *somen*, *hiyamugi*, to the thick noodle, the *udon*, was ours for the tasting. A Malaysian lady passenger, older by half my age, innocently took me under her wings and she smiled away most of my cost share, for the *udon* was not cheap.

It's my turn to relate my food story but not along the delightful side of the cabbage and the noodle. What I got recently in my neighborhood is a prominently located corner fast food service branch of Burger King. For three years at the university, each time someone suggested Mickey D's, I'd steer the conversation away (my aversion to the Donald goes back all the way to Chicago, so Joe Ayuyu of Saipan should not take offense) and as a coup d'grace, I'd say, "Besides, I am partial to Burger King!" which was nowhere available than four hours away by the bullet train!

This week, one of my former colleagues rang me up and said, "Guess what? I just saw that Burger King at the corner of *Shen Bei Lu* and *Daoyinan Da Jie* across from the school entrance on the same side of the boulevard," (lu = street, da jie = big street, i.e., Blvd or Ave). The invite to check it out came automatically.

Happily, the construction is not finished yet and I suspect they are probably eyeing a Halloween opening, but I am at a quandary. I no longer like burgers. In fact, with my friends, I have names for it that

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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are less than polite! In any case, struggling with girth size, I probably could get away with just telling everyone the truth and confess that I have become almost a vegetarian!

Well, almost. I still eat seafood, fowl and fish. If prepared carefully, I also nibble on the oxen/cattle from the grasslands of Nei Meng-gu. The Yokohama beef of old was more my taste. They massaged them individually before applying the blade. Now I get drawn to the Muslim (*Hui*) shops that serve lamb ribs and goat kid barbecue.

But for now, it is getting around Burger King. It must be the function of age, having sat through too many meetings with not much bending of the waist and knee, and a propensity to frequent buffets and all-you-can-eat places that the rotund shape had come to be. It does not help that middle-aged Chinese ladies think it is cute to look elegantly prosperous to be a robustly apple shaped *lao ye*.

The *xanthelesmata*, the blotch of yellow skin on the eyelid, is a very telling sign that I carry too much cholesterol in my blood stream, an indicator of a disease that Tony Stearns commented the last time I stopped by his clinic. Since I am in the last phase of my living designated as the gracious exit of my dying, the remaining time to my existence is of no consequence. It is the quality of the expenditure of life that is of utmost importance.

So, to bugger, or to booger, that is the question. Burger King sits resplendent in our prominent corner with its whopper grilled, a plus in its favor. The double whopper brimming with the Swiss cheese, lettuce and tomato still makes the heart go fonder! My taste buds yearn for the radiant French fries, I thirst for a glass of root beer, and I do not shy away from a succulent chicken tenders. I flounder in my age-old habit of blunders!

Burger King accelerated market presence in the last two years. Earlier acquired by 3G Capital of Brazil, it merged with the coffee and doughnut chain of Tim Horton of Canada with backing from Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway. It started calling its signature product the BK whopper.

I am inside the whopping beltway of its temptation. To be, or, to BK be.



## Is Obama's Middle East policy prudent or weak?

President Obama has been repeatedly accused of delaying. Critics say he dragged his feet on sending more troops to Afghanistan, on addressing the dangers in Libya, on providing support to Syria's rebels and, most recently, on initiating military action against the Islamic State.

But is that necessarily such a bad thing? Calculated delay has a long history as an effective military strategy, dating back at least to the Second Punic War in the 3rd century B.C.

At the time, Hannibal's Carthaginian army, including his war elephants, had successfully made its way from North Africa through Spain and across the Alps to invade Italy from the north. There, Hannibal's troops inflicted two stunning defeats on Rome's mighty legions, throwing the country into panic.

During ordinary times, the Roman Republic was governed by a senate and two elected consuls who served together for one-year terms. But in times of national crisis, the senate had the option of appointing a dictator to streamline command. In the face of Hannibal's advance, the senate appointed Quintus Fabius Maximus, who at that point had served two terms as consul.

Everyone expected Fabius Maximus, an admired leader and experienced general, to quickly march on Hannibal's forces, but he did not. Instead, he avoided major battles while harassing Hannibal's army around the edges, preventing the invaders from getting supplies, gradually wearing them down and degrading their capabilities. It was a strategy of containment.

But Romans were not pleased. Avoiding battle was un-Roman, an affront to the greatness of Rome. People called Fabius Maximus the Cuncator—the delayer. It was intended to be an insult.

Fabius Maximus was replaced by a Roman consul who was determined to engage Hannibal directly. Under the command

of the new consul, eight Roman legions marched off to destroy Hannibal's forces. They met at Cannae, in what turned out to be Rome's greatest military disaster. Between 50,000 and 70,000 Roman soldiers were slain and 10,000 more were taken prisoner.

The disaster at Cannae suddenly made Fabius Maximus look brilliant, and Romans again looked to “the delayer” to save the republic. Cuncator became a title signifying prudence, wisdom and respect.

Other military commanders have since followed what became known as a Fabian strategy, among them George Washington, who, in the early years of the American war for independence, avoided head-on battles with the British.

The containment strategy of the Cold War was a Fabian approach in the sense that it made the avoidance of nuclear confrontation its primary objective. But it was also based on the message that, if attacked, the United States would retaliate with massive force. And it was understood by all that all-out nuclear war meant the end of the world.

Fabian strategies make sense in certain kinds of circumstances: against a stronger adversary, say, or when direct confrontation risks a catastrophic defeat or a larger conflagration. They also make sense in instances when time favors the side that opts to delay. In today's warfare, there is little risk of a single disastrous battle, but there is still risk of military fiasco and political ruin. Fabian strategies might make sense if there's a risk of becoming bogged down in a costly and seemingly futile military adventure. Or in cases where action carries a high risk of casualties that could turn people against the effort.

But even when holding back is the right choice, Fabian

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strategies are almost never popular at the time they're employed. People prefer quick victories to extended low-level campaigns. Time may erode morale and sap support for the effort. And a Fabian approach can anger hawks at home and dismay allies abroad. Warfare today is in part about the manipulation of perceptions, and Fabian strategies can look alarmingly like appeasement.

Moreover, there are times when a delay in forcefully confronting enemies can lead to disastrous outcomes. Should the world not have intervened earlier, say, to stop Hitler?

Historians will debate whether Obama's skeptical approach to entering conflicts reflects prudence or weakness. The evidence so far is ambiguous. The president has said the U.S. war on the Islamic State will be “a long-term campaign” with no “quick fixes involved.” He set no deadline for its completion. The administration has not publicly framed its approach as part of a Fabian strategy—no American administration would ever use the term. But leaders following Fabian strategies don't announce hard dates for troop withdrawals, and they don't draw red lines.

## The self-indulgent triviality of the Ferguson protests

It wasn't so long ago that Ferguson, MO., was supposed to be an American morality tale of racism, the militarization of police and all manner of other evil. For a few weeks in August, the attention of the national media focused on the suburb of St. Louis, and MSNBC practically broadcast nothing else.

While the media long ago moved on, the protests have persisted, entering their late, decadent phase of self-indulgent triviality. Cornel West got arrested last week, and Al Sharpton is heading back to Ferguson at the end of the month to pump up attention for what styles itself a movement, although it is more tinny by the day.

A hallmark of August was pointlessly destructive civil disorder, and it's only gotten more pointless. In late September, the makeshift memorial to Michael Brown on the street in Ferguson burned down. This set off minor rioting, including the vandalizing of a beauty salon that has been hit multiple times for the offense of operating a business in a town where protesters are so

committed to justice.

In nearby St. Louis a few weeks later, an off-duty cop working as a private security guard shot to death a teen who had fired at him with a Ruger 9 mm. It turned out the gun had been stolen two weeks earlier, and the teen, monitored with an ankle bracelet, had been awaiting trial on a felony concealed-weapon charge. Protesters took the streets to demonstrate against what would strike most people as a legitimate act of self-defense, chanting the inapt “Hands up, don't shoot!”

A grand jury is still considering the evidence in the shooting of Michael Brown, which protesters long ago concluded is a case of murder in the first degree. It's not possible for anyone who wasn't there to know what happened on that day, when Brown's friend said Brown was attacked by Officer Darren Wilson and shot while running away.

An anonymous witness who saw the entire incident from beginning to end told the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* that after an initial scuffle in the car, Officer Wilson didn't shoot Brown until he turned back toward him. Brown kept coming toward Wilson

By **RICH LOWRY**

King Features Synd., Inc.



*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

despite orders to stop, and was 20-25 feet away when the last shots were fired. According to the witness, Brown did not raise his arms in the gesture of surrender that is the iconic symbol of the Ferguson protests. Although the witness believes Wilson didn't have to kill Brown, his version is more complicated than the one taken as a given by the protesters.

*The New York Times* has reported that Darren Wilson told investigators that Brown pinned him in his vehicle and there was a struggle over his gun, and he feared for his life. FBI forensics show that the gun was indeed fired twice in the car, and Brown's blood was on the gun and Officer Wilson's uniform.

Sharpton and protesters maintain that all they want is justice. It may well be what justice demands in this case is no indictment of a cop who fired in self-defense. Although, sadly, that is unlikely to be a formula for peace.

## Catholic synod underwhelms on controversial issues

The Roman Catholic Church's Extraordinary Synod on the Family concluded with an address from Pope Francis on Oct. 19.

The pope cautioned the bishops about both the “hostile inflexibility” of traditionalism and the “deceptive mercy” of progressivism.

Since the synod's midterm report had raised hopes—and fears—that the Catholic Church was softening its stance on homosexuality and divorce, this outcome was perplexing to some and disappointing to others.

What happened to the earth-shattering change?

It's not over yet.

In truth, this meeting of bishops and Church leaders was extraordinary in more than just name. It is only the first step in a year of dialogue, reflection, and perhaps, change that will be very important to the Catholic Church.

The pope encouraged the synod fathers to address all topics with candor and good faith—nothing was off the table. The debate was vigorous and public, both inside and outside the synod meetings.

The final document, which did not include the welcoming language that many gay, divorced, and remarried Catholics had hoped for, was published with the vote tally for each section, with rejected sections included so that they will continue to be part of the conversation.

We know, for example, that those controversial sections had the support of a majority of the bishops, but not the two-thirds required for adoption. Rarely, if ever, has a meeting of Catholic Church leaders been so transparent.

And through that transparency we learned something very important—that Pope Francis is not alone in his desire for a change in tone by the Church. A majority of the bishops in attendance seem to want that as well.

By **JOSEPH CURRAN**

The Philadelphia Inquirer



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Francis has said that he would like to see this conversation continue in bishops' conferences, dioceses, and parishes over the next year, leading up to next year's synod, which will present the results of the conversation to the pope. This dialogue will include how to welcome gay people to the Church, and how to remove obstacles to the practice of faith for some divorced and remarried Catholics. It will also involve the presentation of the Church's vision of the beauty and holiness of monogamous, married love. This dialogue will be open, spirited and fearless, if the Extraordinary Synod that just ended is any indication.

Francis referred to the synod as a “journey” filled with hopes and fears, moments of consolation, desolation, and temptation—including the temptation to be too rigid, and the temptation to be too lax. The journey of the last few weeks shows us that true dialogue is difficult. It requires thoughtfulness, trust, flexibility, and faith; it risks misunderstanding, hard feelings, and disappointment.

The pope and synod fathers seem to believe that dialogue in good faith moves the Church to a better understanding of the truth and a deeper engagement with the world. The willingness of the synod's leaders to engage in that debate and raise those questions suggests that the next year promises to be rich and surprising.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Debate among candidates

As a class, we have been discussing the need for public debate in the upcoming election to educate voters to make better judgment on the candidates. With the debate, candidates will elaborate their plans for their term and their stand regarding certain issues. We believe some issues that should be addressed include road maintenance, stray dogs, casino, and funding for education.

The concept of the debate will not only inform the citizens of the candidates' individual platform, but to also separate the personal and political beliefs amongst people. We believe that it is important for a debate, with so many candidates to explain their stands rather than displaying their boards with little to no information at all. With the growing population of voters who speak English, it is essential for candidates to speak English. We believe that the candidates be willing and consider having the debate before this upcoming election.

**English 101 students**

Northern Marianas College

*Editor's Note: The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a forum for all gubernatorial candidates just before the election. Watch out for the announcement on when they intend to hold the forum.*



# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY

Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲85° ▼77°

THURSDAY

Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲87° ▼77°

FRIDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

▲87° ▼77°

SATURDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

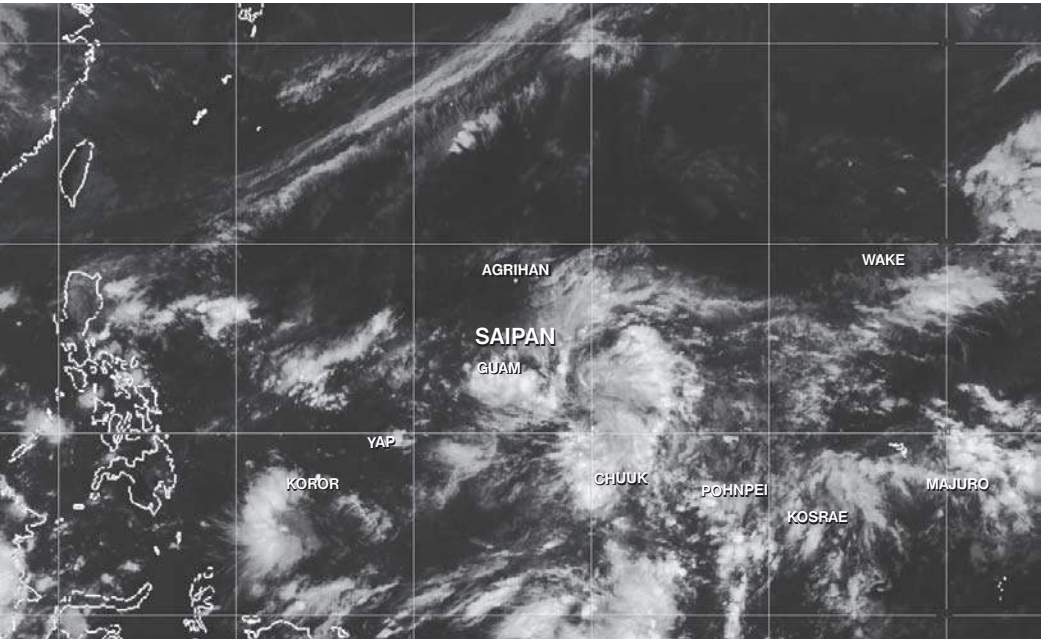
▲87° ▼77°

SUNDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

▲88° ▼77°

## Yesterday's Satellite Image



### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2014

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough extends eastward from near 7N130E through a weak circulation centered west of Chuuk near 8N148E then continues southeastward to end near EQ159E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are present south of Koror, Yap and Chuuk south of a line from 6N132E to 9N142E to 3N150E to 3N160E. A surface trough extends north-northeastward from the circulation centered west of Chuuk to end east of the northern CNMI near 18N152E. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms exist north of Chuuk within 120 miles of a line from 9N151E to 15N153E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are seen south of Guam within an area bounded by a line from 7N146E to 12N149E to 14N141E back to 7N146E. Another weak circulation is centered just southeast of Kosrae near 5N164E. A trough extends northwestward from the circulation to end north of Pohnpei near 12N159E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are located north of Pohnpei within 180 miles of a line from 12N156E to 9N165E. A second trough extends east-northeastward from the circulation to end near 9N180. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found over Kosrae to near Majuro within 170 miles of a line from 3N163E to 7N171E. Similar conditions are present further west of Majuro within 100 miles of a line from 9N174E to 7N180. A surface trough curves northeastward from 17N176E to 25N180. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are located just east of Wake Island within 125 miles of a line from 18N169E to 23N180.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼78
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Rain	▲65	▼55
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲62	▼49
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲80	▼75
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲84	▼74
London	Partly Cloudy	▲64	▼57
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼61
Manila	Thundershowers	▲88	▼75
Melbourne	Sunny	▲76	▼50
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼72
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲71	▼61
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲68	▼48
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲62	▼47
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲69	▼54
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲69	▼50
Salem	Rain	▲59	▼53
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲70	▼55
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲66	▼40
Tokyo	Sunny	▲68	▼49
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲80	▼64

### NMI CRIME STOPPERS

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- \*11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.com](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.com)

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
6:04 AM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.2 Feet
1:13 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
6:52 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
11:30 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:12 AM	6:49 PM
Wednesday	6:12 AM	5:49 PM
Thursday	6:13 AM	5:49 PM
Friday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM
Saturday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	10:44 AM	10:29 PM
Wednesday	11:38 AM	11:28 PM
Thursday	12:29 PM	
Friday	1:19 PM	12:26 AM
Saturday	2:08 PM	1:24 AM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 9, 2014

DEPARTURES			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)			
DL287	6:05am	11:30pm	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	Daily
DL297	4:20pm	7:20pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C 3401	2:20pm	6:30pm	5, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily
7C 3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 6

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			
MU764A	4:00am	8:00am	4, 7
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5069/PR111	2:45am	4:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	10:20pm	Daily via NRT
UA5071/PR111	6:40am	4:50pm	3 via GUM
UA5071/PR111	7:15am	4:50pm	1, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:30pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	2, 5, 6, 7 via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/723	2:20am	12:50pm	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/723	2:50am	12:50pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/179	4:15am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5039/179	2:30pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:20pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:40pm	7 via ICN

ARRIVALS			
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL298	4:30am	3:05pm	3, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
7C 3402	8:00am	1:25pm	5, 7
OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
7C 3402	9:30am	2:55pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 6
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU763A	6:50pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
MU763	7:20pm	3:00am+1	4, 7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
PR110/UA5041	7:35am	6:35pm	1,5 via GUM
PR110/UA5077	7:35am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
PR110/UA5043	7:35am	10:20pm	1, 5 via GUM
DL172/288	7:55am	1:30am+1	Daily via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA184/5071	10:25pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5039	10:25pm	2:00pm+1	6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	4 via GUM-Rota
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HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ746/603	12:40am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ750/603	1:40am	2:20pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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OZ724/605	1:50pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	9:55pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5039	9:55pm	2:00pm+1	6 via GUM
UA180/5077	9:55pm	2:50pm+1	1, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA180/5041	9:55pm	6:35pm+1	1, 5 via GUM
UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	3, 6 via GUM
UA180/5043	9:55pm	10:20pm+1	1, 5 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA		
DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
ROTA TO SAIPAN		



## MHS' Brianna Fajardo selected to NSHSS

By DENNIS B. CHAN  
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REPORTER

Brianna Fajardo, the daughter of Mariano and Gloria Fajardo, has been recognized for her superior academic achievement and has been selected to become a member of the National Society of High School Scholars.

Fajardo is from Marianas High School.



Fajardo

The society recognizes top scholars around the nation who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, scholarship, and community commitment.

"On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and commitment that Brianna has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence," said Claes Nobel, chairman and founder of the National Society of High School Scholars.

As a member Fajardo is qualified for scholarship opportunities, academic competitions, free events, publications, and member-only resources among other benefits.

"Our vision is to build a dynamic international organization that connects members with meaningful content, resources, and opportunities," stated NSHSS president James W. Lewis. "We aim to help students like Brianna build on their academic successes and enhance the skills and desires to have a positive impact on the global community."

# Castro stops Taitano trial pending OAG appeal

The CNMI Supreme Court has stopped the jury trial that was supposed to start Monday in the case against a man who is accused of attempting to sexually assault his 21-year-old godson.

Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro issued Friday an order granting the CNMI government's request to stay Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho's decision to exclude the testimony of the al-

leged victim.

In a one-page order, Castro said the CNMI raised serious questions concerning the exclusion of the alleged victim's testimony and that the balance of hardships tip sharply in the government's favor.

Castro said the 14-day stay would be lifted if the lower court grants the government's motion to reconsider the exclusion of the testimony.

Camacho ordered the exclusion of the testimony of the alleged victim and the mother in separate orders on Wednesday and Thursday last week, saying that prosecutors of the Office of the Attorney General appeared to have discouraged the alleged victim from speaking with defense attorneys.

Camacho had said that government representatives must maintain a strictly neutral posi-

tion, both in words and conduct, concerning a witness' right to either agree to or decline defense interviews.

The Office of the Attorney General appealed Camacho's order. Chief Prosecutor Brian P. Flaherty and assistant attorney general Clayton J. Graef filed a notice on Friday in Superior Court of the government's intent to pursue an appeal with the CNMI Supreme

Court and have Camacho's order reversed.

Former Rota liaison employee Allan A. Taitano, 44, is facing charges that he attempted to sexually assault his then 21-year-old godson inside a vehicle in an open field in As Lito. The victim allegedly managed to run away and hide in the jungle for several hours.

Taitano pleaded not guilty. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

## NMC to host 'Cash for College' workshop on Nov. 15

The Northern Marianas College and College Access Challenge Grant program will be hosting a free "Cash for College" workshop that will help students and their parents maximize scholarship opportunities that are available to students seeking to obtain a college education.

The free workshop will be held on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2014, at the NMC campuses on Saipan (As Terlaje campus in Building A), Tinian, and Rota. The workshop will be an ongoing session, so participants can stop by anytime between 9am to 3pm.

Participants will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Aid, and the CNMI Scholarship.

Staff members from the college's Office of Admissions and Records will also be present to provide information and assistance with the NMC application process.

It is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification

(e.g., a valid U.S. passport, copy of valid application for a U.S. passport, birth certificate, or green card), an official transcript from high school (at least three official copies), tax forms, and proof of CNMI

residency for 2012 and 2013, including proof of continuing residency. Applicants for SHEFA should bring a valid U.S. passport or a voter registration card.

The free "Cash for College"

workshop was made possible by the financial support of the U.S. Department of Education's College Access Challenge Grant program. This federal program aims to increase the number of students from underrepresented

minority populations enrolled in college.

For additional information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at 237-6792 or email daisy.propst@marianas.edu. *(NMC)*

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A project information package containing detailed project background, scope of work, and required minimum qualifications information, can be picked up at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, during working hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Prospective off-island proposers may obtain the information package by contacting Project Manager, Timothy Lang, via e-mail at trlang@yahoo.com. Qualifications statements that do not conform to requirements as stated in the project information package are subject to disqualification.

**A pre-proposal** conference will be held on **Friday, November 14, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. local time** in the DPL conference room at the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

**Questions** regarding this Request for Qualifications must be submitted in writing to Pedro A. Tenorio, DPL Secretary, or faxed to (670) 234-3755 **no later than the close of business, Wednesday, November 19, 2014.**

The Department of Public Lands reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if in its opinion to do so would be in the best interests of the Commonwealth. All proposals shall become the sole property of the Department of Public Lands.

**/S/ PEDRO A. TENORIO**  
SECRETARY OF PUBLIC LANDS

**/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN**  
DIRECTOR, PROC. & SUPPLY



# Fate of Alter City land lease will be decided Friday

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The fate of Alter City Group's proposed \$360-million casino resort project on Puntan Diablo on Tinian will be decided this Friday.

That's the date when the House of Representatives and Senate will be convening a joint

session to vote on the land lease agreement between the Macau-based investor and the Department of Public Land.

Public Lands Secretary Pete A. Tenorio urged the Legislature to approve the lease agreement that involves 152 hectares of public land situated in San Jose, Tinian.

Speaking before last Thurs-

day's joint session of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Senate Committee on Resources, Economic Development and Programs, Tenorio said he would've not signed off on the lease if he doesn't believe it will benefit the Commonwealth.

He said Alter City has already proven it is serious in undertak-

ing the mammoth project by advancing five years' worth of land lease payments to DPL.

Alter City officials, led by president and board chair Leong Kin Ian, turned over to Tenorio and Gov. Eloy S. Inos a check worth \$664,000 during a preliminary land lease signing agreement at the Office of the Governor last Sept.

25. The check represented \$300,000 security deposit and \$340,000 in advance land lease rent.

Tenorio also reiterated during the joint session last week that he expects the Tinian casino project to have a gross revenue of over \$1.436 billion in 25 years. This, of course, excludes ancillary business Tinian will

receive from the \$360-million development.

The proposed land lease agreement between Alter City and DPL calls for an initial 25-year lease with the option to extend for 15 more years.

The three-phased project includes the construction of 1,000 hotel rooms, water parks, an 18-hole golf course, villas, casino facilities and related tourism amenities, to be completed within 12 years.

## Pai now in acting role at OPA

Michael Pai is now acting Public Auditor after his six-year term expired last Monday.

Acting press secretary Ivan Blanco said the Office of the Governor already forwarded all pertinent documents to the Senate where the Committee of Executive Appointments and Government Investigation is tasked to review and recommend to either confirm or not

Pai's reappointment at the Office of Public Auditor.

EAGI chair Sen. Francisco Cruz (R-Tinian) said his committee has already received Pai's packet and that he has already reviewed the file. However, because the 2014 general elections is just a week away, he expects public hearings on Pai's reappointment to happen after Nov. 4.

"I don't think it's going to happen very soon. Probably we will review it after the election. We don't have enough time to review his reappointment," said Cruz in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* last night.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos reappointed Pai as public auditor last Oct. 6. Pai succeeded Michael Sablan



Pai

to the position.

Pai has been a certified public accountant for more than 20 years. He attended the University of Hawaii, where he completed degrees in engineering and business administration.

He put up his own accounting firm in 1986, after working for a number of corporations and an accounting firm. He was also a

shareholder for some businesses in Guam, Minnesota, and Saipan.

Meanwhile, Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider on Friday swore in Saipan Casino Commission members Alvaro A. Santos, Joseph C. Reyes, and Juan M. Sablan at the Office of the Governor.

Santos is the former acting chief financial officer of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., while Reyes is a former chairman of the NMI Retire-

ment Fund. Sablan is a former director of the Commonwealth Development Authority.

The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation confirmed all three last Oct. 17.

The Saipan Casino Commission was set up to regulate the nascent casino industry on the island. Best Sunshine International Ltd., which won the sole casino license, is building a \$7.1-billion integrated casino resort on Saipan. (Mark Rabago)



### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

#### INVITATION TO BID ITB15-GOV-008

#### Department of Public Safety Building Renovations San Jose Village, Tinian CNMI

Mayor of Tinian, Ramon Delacruz is soliciting sealed bids for the DPS Building Renovations, on the island of Tinian, San Jose Village, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package will be available Friday, October 17, 2014 at the Governor's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$50.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a pre-bid conference/site visit for this project on Wednesday, October 29, 2014, 10:00AM ChST at the project site, San Jose Village, Tinian. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 PM ChST, Friday, October 31, 2014 to the CIP Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408. All responses to questions should be shared with other prospective contractors.

Sealed bids must be marked "ITB15-GOV-008, Department of Public Safety Building Renovations San Jose Village, Tinian CNMI". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 9:00 AM ChST Friday, November 14, 2014. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 9:00 AM ChST Friday, November 14, 2014 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than Friday, November 14, 2014 and must be received no later than Tuesday, November 25, 2014 ChST. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 9:00 AM ChST Wednesday, November 26, 2014. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 9:30 AM ChST Friday, November 14, 2014.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

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- Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is one hundred eighty (180) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day, or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by one hundred eighty (180) calendar days, the contract time and will be accessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ RAMON DELACRUZ, Mayor of Tinian  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director  
Procurement and Supply, DOF

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# EVM candidates' forum seeks to empower women

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A forum featuring female candidates for this year's election sought to empower women in their roles as politicians, mothers, wives, and professionals leaders at the Pacific Islands Club last Friday night.

Before the forum, First Hawaiian Bank's 2014 Businesswoman of the Year Shirley Sablan spoke about gender equality, citing that women in the workforce only make three-fourths of the income men make.

She noted that while women make 75 percent of the non-profit industry, only 40 percent of them hold executive positions.

She also pointed to the local and national government, where the ratio of men-to-women in public service is poor.

Of the nine members of the CNMI Senate, only one is a woman, Sablan said, while only three of the 20 members of the CNMI House of Representatives are women.

"The CNMI has fallen short," she told the crowd.

At a birthday party with her son, Jose, she met a young boy who inspired her with his goals to become a policeman and keep crime off the streets just like one of his parents.

"Your dad must be a great cop and a great hero," Sablan recalled telling the boy.

The boy replied: "It's not my dad who is a cop. It's my mom."

The irony was she was supposed to know better, Sablan said. She stereotyped the position.

"Gender inequality is not the fault of men alone," she said.

While a woman may have many roles in a community, standards across genders aren't fair to all.

"Women must do everything three times better than men do, all the while expected to come out strong intelligent and beautiful," she said.

Like men, women also have flaws and downfalls, Sablan said, and together, both men and women should be each other's support.

## Candidates' forum

The candidates at the forum were each given time to answer questions on domestic violence, healthcare, education, and casinos. Before this, they introduced themselves to the crowd, and told the crowd why they sought election or reelection.

Sen. Jovita Taimanao, who is seeking reelection for Rota senator, said she wants women to have the opportunity to make decisions in government. She said it is "very hard" to be the only woman in the Senate.

It takes collaboration and respect to work together for the



"common goals of the Commonwealth," she said.

On the issue of domestic violence, Rose Ada Hocog, a candidate for the House of Representatives Precinct 1, said that in the old days of Chamorro and Carolinian culture the issue would be kept inside the house. She said people should be educated on domestic violence so they feel "OK to come out and report it."

On education, Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro, another reelectionist, said she would like to see 50 percent of the government budget be given to education in both public schools and college.

She said the government's priorities are reflected in its budget and, if education is really a priority, the budget will show that.

Lareina Camacho, who is a candidate for Saipan Municipal

Council, said that as a person who has been involved with workforce-related programs in the Public School System, she has met seniors who lack basic math, grammar, and reading skills for jobs. She pointed at how many freshmen in college have to retake their junior and senior math.

On casinos, reelectionist Rep. Janet Maratita said she disagrees with those who think a casino is the road to recovery.

Instead, her answer to the Commonwealth's financial problems is to cut and reduce government operations.

"Once we stop corruption we can allocate funds accordingly," she said.

When the candidates were asked why they should be voted for, Camacho said that while she has a lot to learn, her learning comes from "you."

Hocog said she is brutally honest and does not care about

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The candidates—Sen. Jovita Taimanao, center; Rose Ada Hocog, third from left; Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro, second from left; Lareina Camacho, third from right, and Rep. Janet Maratita, rightmost—are joined in this photo by First Hawaiian Bank's 2014 Businesswoman of the Year Shirley Sablan, second from right; Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation founder Rose Smith, leftmost; forum moderator by Kaitlyn Neises-Mocanu, center at the rear; Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. CEO Esther Muna, fourth from right, and Nola Hix, front, of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

what others say, but will listen to the public.

Maratita said she has been "disheartened" by what she has seen in her time in government, and a vote for her is for a candidate who is caring and representative, without special interests.

Taimanao pledged to the sustainability of the CNMI retirement program. "If there is a way, there is a way to the finish line and success," she said.

Ogumoro called on her long-time service and experience. She said the Commonwealth needs strong leaders.

The forum was moderated by Kaitlyn Neises-Mocanu. Cherlyn Cabrera led the opening prayer, and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Esther Muña led the closing remarks.

The event raised a total of \$4,745 from donations and tickets sold at the event, according to the Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation that hosted the event.

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For inquiries regarding this registry please e-mail Maribel Loste, CCDF Administrator at [ccdf.maribellose@gmail.com](mailto:ccdf.maribellose@gmail.com). Phone inquiries will not be entertained.

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Approved for distribution:

/s/ **Laura T. Ogumoro, DCCA Secretary**

Date: 09/10/14

## Joint Region Marianas chief addresses UOG community

**MANGILAO, Guam** —Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, commander of Joint Region Marianas, addressed the University of Guam community during the Presidential Lecture Series at the campus in Mangilao on Monday, Oct. 27.

More than 100 people were in attendance as Bolivar spoke about her journey to become a naval officer, and her command philosophy. She also answered questions from the audience regarding current events.

"Regardless of where you are in life, we all are faced with multiple challenges," she said. "But keep this in mind, how you face those challenges and rise above them is what defines the person you are and the person you will be."

Bolivar connected with students in the audience by sharing stories of her college years at the U.S. Naval Academy, spending time with family when she can and taking her first selfie.

"As long as you treat people right and remain honest and loyal to the team, there will never be room for failure," she said. "This is what I've shared with my team here in Guam and I think we're on the right track to ensuring that we have a shared success in creating one Guam and one team."

Bolivar also encouraged students to apply themselves as active members of the community and to always reach for their goals. "Don't ever give up because you've hit a roadblock in life," she said. "You'll never realize your true potential until you face those challenges head-on with true grit and determination. As a member of the Guam community, I am excited to see your accomplishments and the



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University of Guam President Robert Underwood presents a certificate of appreciation to Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, Commander, Joint Region Marianas, after her presentation during the Presidential Lecture Series at the campus.

contributions each of you will make to our island."

UOG president Dr. Robert Underwood presented Bolivar with a certificate of appreciation after her speech and shared his gratitude for her attendance and participation.

"We will never be the same

subsequent to the presentation," he said. "Of course our expectations and our introductions sometimes fail to be fulfilled, but once in a while we actually get an inspirational story about an individual who didn't just defy the odds, but who redefined the odds making." (JRM)



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## MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Marianas Visitors Authority, hereby gives notice that a **Special Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 30, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.** at the MVA Conference Room San Jose Professional Building Saipan, MP 96950.

### MEETING AGENDA

- 1) **Preliminary Matters**
  1. Call to Order
  2. Roll Call
  3. Adoption of Agenda
- 2) **Public Comments**
- 3) **Committee Reports**
- 4) **Old Business**
- 5) **New Business**
  1. Public Law 18-58
  2. Draft Rules and Regulations
  3. CNMI Tour Guide Manual
  4. Draft: CNMI Tour Guide Training Program
- 6) **Miscellaneous/Announcements**
- 7) **Executive Session**
- 8) **Adjournment**

/s/ Marian Aldan-Pierce  
Chairperson, MVA Board of Directors

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Board Meeting on Thursday, October 30, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at the Mayor's Conference Room, Villagomez Building, 1st floor, in San Jose Village, Tinian.

### AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY**
  1. Call to Order
  2. Roll Call
  3. Adoption of Agenda
  4. Adoption of Minutes of 10/16/14
- II. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS<sup>1</sup>**
- IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- V. NEW BUSINESS**
  1. Action on Student Appeal for 2014 Fall Semester, Academic Year 2014-2015
  2. Application Amendment on Academic Standing for Continuing Students
- VI. MISCELLANEOUS MATTER**
- VII. SCHEDULE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING**
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

/s/ JULIAN U. HOFSCHEIDER  
Chairman

<sup>1</sup> We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments on the day of the meeting.  
<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to 1 CMC section 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.  
<sup>3</sup> Individuals with special needs requiring special accommodations, please contact the TMSB office at least 48 hours prior to schedule meeting for assistance.



# MBA students excel in LD Debate and speaking events

Marianas Baptist Academy congratulates its students who won and participated in the first NSDA/ NJSDA tournament at Hopwood Junior High School on Oct. 18, 2014. MBA principal Ramir Trinidad was happy with the results of the events despite the few days the students were given to prepare. He congratulated all the winners and participants, including their coaches, Eleonor Alejo and Gospel Trinidad. The principal and faculty would like to thank the volunteer judges and parents for their cooperation and support.

National Speech and Debate Association (NFL) list of winners:

PLACE	EVENT	NAME	PLACE	EVENT	NAME
1 <sup>st</sup>	LD Debate	Sonia Kim	4 <sup>th</sup>	Dramatic Intrp. A	Ki Beom Song
1 <sup>st</sup>	Commentary	Yong Koo Kim	4 <sup>th</sup>	Original Oratory A	Jessica Choi
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dramatic Interp.	Rachel Palijo	4 <sup>th</sup>	Story Telling A	Rachel Palijo
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Prose Reading MA	Rachel Palijo	4 <sup>th</sup>	Poetry Reading A	Sonia Kim
3 <sup>rd</sup>	IX	Yong Koo Kim	5 <sup>th</sup>	Poetry Reading A	Ki Beom Song
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Poetry Reading MA	Won Jun Kim	5 <sup>th</sup>	Impromptu B	Sonia Kim
3 <sup>rd</sup>	USX	Won Jun Kim	5 <sup>th</sup>	LD Debate	Won Jun Kim
4 <sup>th</sup>	Impromptu A	Won Jun Kim			

National Junior Speech and Debate winners (NJFL)

PLACE	EVENT	NAME	PLACE	EVENT	NAME
1 <sup>st</sup>	LD Debate	Ian Cataluna	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Duo Interp. A	Ian Cataluna
1 <sup>st</sup>	Poetry Reading MB	Ian Cataluna	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Duo Interp. A	Matt Moran
1 <sup>st</sup>	Poetry Reading A	Kristina Crisostomo	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Duo Interp. B	Jonah Pohl
1 <sup>st</sup>	Duo Interp. B	Joshua Alfred	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Duo Interp. B	Gary Camacho
1 <sup>st</sup>	Duo Interp. B	Stephen Bartolo	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Prose Reading MA	Yna Poquiz
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dramatic Interp. A	Ian Cataluna	4 <sup>th</sup>	LD Debate	Won Kwan Kim
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Prose Reading A	Seong Beom Song	4 <sup>th</sup>	Original Oratory A	Gary Camacho
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Poetry Reading A	Ki Chang Jeoung	4 <sup>th</sup>	Dramatic Interp. A	Kristina Crisostomo
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Impromptu B	Danielle Acosta	4 <sup>th</sup>	Poetry Reading MA	Danielle Acosta
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Humorous Interp. A	Won Kwan Kim	4 <sup>th</sup>	Poetry Reading MB	Matt Moran
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Humorous Interp.	A Kristina Crisostomo	5 <sup>th</sup>	Poetry Reading A	Seong Beom Song
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Prose Reading MB	Minju Kang	5 <sup>th</sup>	Prose Reading MB	Danielle Acosta
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Poetry Reading MB	Minju Kang	5 <sup>th</sup>	Dramatic Interp.	Won Kwan Kim
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Poetry Reading B	Stephen Bartolo	5 <sup>th</sup>	Prose Reading B	Gaeun Yang



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Marianas Baptist Academy participants in the National Speech and Debate Association and National Junior Speech and Debate competitions have their picture taken.

## United debuts new perks for top flyers in SF

**CHICAGO**— United Airlines has unveiled new check-in options for its most frequent travelers at San Francisco International Airport, enabling faster movement from the curb to the gate. The airline will open a new reception lobby for members of its invitation-only Global Services program and a new check-in area for Premier members of its MileagePlus loyalty program.

Located across from doors five and six, on the departures level of Terminal 3, the new Global Services reception lobby will also offer personalized check-in services to customers traveling in United Global First on long-haul international flights. At approximately 1,100 square feet, the glass-enclosed facility will offer five full-service check-in podiums, a seating area and front-of-line security lane access, featuring TSA PreCheck.

San Francisco's Global Services reception lobby is United's third, coming after similar facilities at Chicago O'Hare International Airport and Newark Liberty International Airport.

are pleased to further upgrade the premium experience that we offer our customers," said Jimmy Samartzis, United's vice president of customer experience. "These new amenities will provide a higher level of comfort, convenience and personalized service, enhancing our most frequent travelers' experience when they fly with us."

### San Francisco enhancements

The new Global Services reception lobby and Premier check-in area are among United's many customer-service enhancements this year in San Francisco. Others include:

n The ultra-modern Boarding Area E, which offers a modern design, dining options featuring Bay Area businesses, more comfortable seating and power outlets throughout, enabling customers to stay connected and productive;

n A new United Club, located near Boarding Area E; and

n Mercedes-Benz tarmac transportation service, offering Global Services and United Global First customers chauffeured rides across the tarmac between flights.

### Premier check-in

The airline's new Premier check-in area, near Terminal 3's Boarding Area E, will offer expedited check-in for MileagePlus Premier members, including kiosks that enable customers to tag their own checked bags if they choose to, further speeding their path to the gate.

This new check-in area replaces the previous Terminal 3 Premier check in, which in the future will serve United Economy customers and travel groups.

"With these additions at our San Francisco hub, we

### United in San Francisco

United is the largest carrier at San Francisco International Airport, offering nearly 300 daily flights to more than 90 destinations in the U.S. and around the world, more service than any other airline from the Bay Area. United currently operates nearly 30 daily nonstop flights from San Francisco to more than 20 international destinations and will add nonstop service from San Francisco to Tokyo's Haneda Airport later this month. *(United)*

## GCA congratulates October PGFC winners



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Grace Christian Academy students who participated in the Primary Grades Forensic Conference competition at San Antonio Middle School on Oct. 11, 2014, have their picture taken.

The administration, faculty and staff, and parents of Grace Christian Academy would like to extend their congratulations to the following winners and everyone who participated in the Primary Grades Forensic Conference competition at San Antonio Middle School on Oct. 11, 2014.

### K-2 DIVISION

**Impromptu Speaking A**  
William Matthew Cano, 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Maria Sofia Gomez, 3<sup>rd</sup> place

**Impromptu Speaking B**  
Nestor Ablog Jr., 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Ella Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
Manuel Antonio Magboo, 5<sup>th</sup> place

**Readers Forum Masters A**  
Tae Hee Kim, 1<sup>st</sup> place  
William Matthew Cano, 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Azriel Fatialofa, 5<sup>th</sup> place

**Readers Forum A**  
Manuel Antonio Magboo, 2<sup>nd</sup> place

**Humorous Interpretation A**  
Tae Hee Kim, 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Moira Grace Ernest, 3<sup>rd</sup> place

**Duo Interpretation B**  
Elijah Kosang Mizutani, 5<sup>th</sup> place  
Lance Andrei Lerio, 5<sup>th</sup> place

### 3-5 DIVISION

**Impromptu Speaking A**  
Matthew Gabriel Ernest, 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Tommy Aldan, 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Soleil Lamar, 4<sup>th</sup> place

**Impromptu Speaking B**  
Maria Elizabeth Bonto, 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Deancey Adriel Chua, 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Jacob Anthony De Leon Guerrero, 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
Kei Lizama, 4<sup>th</sup> place

**Readers Forum A**  
Brian Sun Kim, 5<sup>th</sup> place

**Readers Forum Masters A**  
Clerisse Llanah Dacumos, 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Tommy Aldan, 5<sup>th</sup> place

**Readers Forum MastersB**  
Steven Adriatico, 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Mikaelah Owens, 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Deancey Adriel Chua, 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
Ryan Daproza, 5<sup>th</sup> place

**Dramatic Interpretation A**  
Steven Adriatico, 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
Ryan Daproza, 4<sup>th</sup> place

**Humorous Interpretation A**  
Matthew Gabriel Ernest, 4<sup>th</sup> place  
Jacob Anthony De Leon Guerrero, 5<sup>th</sup> place

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# Bank of Hawaii posts Q3 net income of \$41.8M

**HONOLULU, Hawaii**—Bank of Hawaii Corp. reported yesterday diluted earnings per

share of \$0.95 for the third quarter of 2014, up from \$0.94 in the second quarter of 2014,

and up from \$0.85 in the third quarter of 2013. Net income for the third quarter of 2014

was \$41.8 million, an increase from net income of \$41.5 million in the previous quarter

and \$37.7 million in the same quarter last year.

“Bank of Hawaii Corp. continued to perform well during the third quarter of 2014,” said Peter Ho, chairman, president, and CEO. “Loan balances grew 2.8 percent from the previous quarter and average deposits grew 1.4 percent. Our margin remained relatively stable as loan growth partially offset the lower interest rate environment. Asset quality continued to be strong during the quarter and our expenses were well controlled.”

The return on average assets for the third quarter of 2014 was 1.15 percent, down slightly from 1.17 percent in the previous quarter and up from 1.09 percent in the same quarter last year. The return on average equity for the third quarter of 2014

was 15.57 percent, down from 15.87 percent for the second quarter of 2014 and up from 15.02 percent in the third quarter of 2013.

For the nine-month period ended Sept. 30, 2014, net income was \$121.9 million, an increase from net income of \$111.4 million for the same period last year. Diluted earnings per share were \$2.75 for the nine-month period in 2014 compared with diluted earnings per share of \$2.50 for the same period in 2013. The 2014 year-to-date return on average assets was 1.15 percent compared with 1.09 percent for the same period in 2013. The 2014 year-to-date return on average equity was 15.53 percent compared with 14.59 percent for the nine months ended Sept. 30, 2013. **(BOH)**



## 'LISTENING TOUR'

CNMI native sons Lt. Col. Edward C. Camacho and Lt. Col. Franklin Babauta join SSFM Hawaii Professional Engineer Norman M. Kawachika during the Babauta-Torres' recent listening tour in the region.

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## GMS students excel at speech, debate competition

Green Meadow School supports and emphasizes in its academic programs the National Forensic League's mission of promoting speech and debates activities in high and middle schools as a tool to develop students' essential life skills and values, which is also one of the motivations at GMS in encouraging and sending its eligible students to NFL and other forensic competitions.

On Oct. 18, 2014, all members of the 6th grade class at GMS competed at the National Junior Speech and Debate Association competition held at Hopwood Junior High in San Antonio, Saipan, with outstanding results. Competing against 6th to 8th grade students from various schools, all six GMS students won honors!

The management and staff of Green Meadow School congrat-

ulate Xavier Gatmaitan, Mikee Mendoza, Bernard Marcelo, Gia Hemley, Milles Navarro and Lester Satur for job well done. GMS Falcons soar one again! Special thanks to volunteer judge Francis Fidelino and sixth grade parents for supporting the students during the event.

■ Xavier Gatmaitan, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Storytelling  
■ Bernard Marcelo, 3<sup>rd</sup> place,

Dramatic Interpretation

■ Gia Hemley, 4<sup>th</sup> place, Duo Interpretation A

■ Mikee Mendoza, 4<sup>th</sup> place, Duo Interpretation A; 4<sup>th</sup> place, Prose Reading A

■ Miles Navarro, 4<sup>th</sup> place, Poetry Reading A; 5<sup>th</sup> place, Duo Interpretation B

■ Lester Satur, 4<sup>th</sup> place, Prose Reading B; 5<sup>th</sup> place, Duo Interpretation B"



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Green Meadow School officer and teachers pose proudly with NJSD winning students. From left: 6th grade teacher Lisa Espiritu, Miles Navarro, Xavier Gatmaitan, Gia Hemley, GMS president Mila Merjilla, Mikee Mendoza, Lester Satur, Bernard Marcelo, and assistant principal Bona Angeles.

## Fully funded fellowship opportunity for emerging civil society leaders

The U.S. Department of State announced yesterday a special opportunity for emerging civil society leaders to participate in a six- to 18-month professional fellowship in the United States. All Fellows will be placed at a leading social change organization in the United States. This fellowship is the result of a partnership between the U.S. Department of State and the Atlas Service Corps.

Individuals in the nonprofit/

NGO sectors with two or more years of experience, a college degree, and English proficiency are encouraged to apply. Atlas Service Corps has supported over 300 emerging leaders from over 60 different countries and seeks candidates to apply as soon as possible for their next class of Fellows. To apply and to find out more information, visit <http://www.atlascorps.org/apply.php>. **(U.S. Embassy kolonia)**

## George Washington Strike Group arrives in Guam

By MCS3 BEVERLY J. LESONIK  
USS GEORGE WASHINGTON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

**APRA HARBOR, Guam**—

The Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS *George Washington*, Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS *Antietam*, and Arleigh-burke class guided-missile destroyer USS *Halsey*, as part of the George Washington Carrier Strike Group arrived in Apra Harbor, Guam for a goodwill port visit on Oct. 28.

This is the strike group's second visit to Guam during its 2014 patrol.

“Our second time here is another opportunity for Sailors to take advantage of what Guam has to offer,” said Capt. Greg Fenton, *George Washington's* commanding officer. “During our visit, sailors have several opportunities to have great experiences with [community relation] projects and [Morale, Welfare and Recreation] events.”

According to Lt. Cmdr. Michael Tagaloa, one of *George Washington's* Chaplains, community relation projects are an important part of building and strengthen relationships with its allies and partners.

“Each of our three projects

aims to highlight the talents of our sailors,” said Tagaloa. “We are able to have a valuable exchange of knowledge and culture through this interaction with the people of Guam.”

Other than community and cultural exchanges, Guam offers a variety of native cuisine, tropical water activities and jungle landscape hikes. Strike group sailors get all of this and, since Guam is a U.S. territory, still get a chance to experience a little bit of home.

“For the second time in Guam I will be participating in a [community relations event] where I will be able to influence the next generation of Carbudillo Elementary School children against doing drugs,” said Aviation Maintenance Administrationman 3rd Class Sabian Tise, from Las Cruces, New Mexico. “At some point after that I will go to the beach and relax near the waves. I feel like Guam is going to be a great place to rest, get a tan and recompose myself.”

The *George Washington* Carrier Strike Group is on patrol in the 7th Fleet area of operations supporting security and stability in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.



# Good Housekeeping

## 3 HALLOWEEN PROJECTS TO CRAFT INTO SPOOKY DESSERTS



CHICAGO TRIBUNE/  
MCT  
Style the top half of the sandwich cookies as you like with icings, sprinkles and other Halloween decorations.

By JOE GRAY  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

You want a special Halloween dessert, but you're no Martha Stewart?

We've got a plan. Using three building blocks, you can choose from three desserts, each requiring different levels of kitchen wizardry—from kitchen putter to accomplished decorator—but all delicious and inviting.

Those blocks: vanilla pudding, a chocolate rollout cookie dough and chunks of chocolate. Each component is used in slightly different fashion for each project. Depending on the project, you may need frozen pop containers, Halloween cookie cutters, decorator icing and/or seasonal sprinkles.

And the projects: chocolate-dipped, crushed-cookie pudding pops (easy); pudding with chocolate-filled cookie sandwiches (medium); and a grave, complete with cookie tombstone (advanced).

We're providing recipes from our archives for the pudding and cookie dough, but you can use store-bought pudding, if you prefer, and your favorite rollout cookie instead of the one here. Each project requires some prep work, but the pudding and cookie dough can each be made a day or two ahead, leaving assembly to the day of your party.

### PUDDING POPS

Portion pudding into 4 frozen pop containers. Freeze 5 hours. Meanwhile, bake up a batch of the chocolate rollout cookies. Crush some of the cookies with a

rolling pin; place them in a shallow dish. (You can use purchased chocolate wafers instead.)

Melt 8 ounces chopped milk or dark chocolate in a metal or glass bowl over a saucepan of simmering water, stirring, until smooth. Stir in 1 tablespoon butter or vegetable oil to achieve a dipping consistency.

Pour chocolate into a tall narrow cup, such as a measuring cup that's almost as tall as your pudding pops; allow to cool a little. (Chocolate may not stick if it is too warm.) Dip pops into the chocolate to coat. Roll immediately in the crushed cookies. Work quickly so that the pops stay very cold. Return to freezer if not serving immediately.

### PUDDING AND COOKIES

Bake up a batch of the cookies to cut into Halloween shapes; you need two matching shapes for each finished cookie. Decorate one set of the cookies with store-bought icing, sprinkles and other festive ingredients.

Make this simple chocolate cookie sandwich filling from "Holiday Cheer," a new cookbook by the editors of Good Housekeeping, Redbook and Country Living: Heat 1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk and 8 ounces bittersweet or semisweet chocolate, cut up, in a 2-quart saucepan over medium heat, stirring frequently, just until chocolate melts. Remove from the heat. Let filling cool to room temperature before using. Use the filling to sandwich the cookies in pairs, using the decorated cookie for the top half.

Make the pudding; dish it

up in 4 pretty dessert bowls, or martini glasses. Serve with the sandwich cookies.

### COOKIE AND PUDDING GRAVES

Roll the cookie dough 1/4-inch thick. With a pizza cutter, cut out sides for the grave; a ruler will help you keep straight edges. For each grave, cut two long sides, about 4 inches by 1 inch; cut two short sides, about 2 inches by 1 inch. You will make 4 servings, but cut more sides than you will need in case some break. (The cookies will not change size much during baking, so your measures will be accurate. Also, the cookie pieces can be cut to length after baking; so you could just cut strips to the desired width.) Cut tombstones that are as wide as the short side and about 3 inches high, rounding off one side that will be the top of the stone. Bake and cool. (You will have dough leftover to make regular cookies.)

On a dessert dish or other small serving plate, join a long piece and short piece together at a 90-degree angle using a little melted chocolate to affix the sides. (See above for melting instructions; you will only need a couple ounces.) Repeat with another long and short piece; push them together to form a box, mortaring remaining corners. Repeat to make three more graves. Let the chocolate set before proceeding.

Fill the middle with pudding, 1/2 to 3/4 cup per serving. Decorate the tombstones with decorating icing as you like; maybe write



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Vanilla pudding is piled in decorative glasses then garnished with chocolate-filled sandwich cookies, festively accessorized.



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The gravesite, the trickiest project, has sides of cookie strips, a pudding filling and grated chocolate dirt.

R.I.P. on them. Prop the tombstones in the pudding at one end of the graves. Grate chocolate over the pudding to look like fresh dirt.

### RICH VANILLA PUDDING

Prep: 15 minutes

Cook: 15 minutes

Chill: 1 1/2 hours

Makes: 4 servings (about 2 cups)

Adapted from Shaina Olmanson's "Desserts in Jars." If using for the graves, make a double batch.

1/3 cup sugar  
3 tablespoons cornstarch  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
Vanilla bean seeds scraped from 1 vanilla bean pod  
3 egg yolks  
2 cups whole milk  
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, at room temperature, cut into pieces

Whisk together the sugar, cornstarch, salt and vanilla bean seeds in a medium saucepan. Whisk in the egg yolks until well combined. Slowly pour in the milk, whisking to incorpo-

rate. Cook over medium-low heat, whisking constantly, until thickened, 10-15 minutes.

Remove from the heat; whisk in the butter one piece at a time, making sure each piece is incorporated before adding the next. Cover the top of the pudding with plastic wrap; refrigerate until set, 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

### ROLLED CHOCOLATE COOKIES

Prep: 20 minutes

Chill: 20 minutes

Bake: 12 minutes

Makes: About 30 cookies

From "Cookie Craft," by Valerie Peterson and Janice Fryer.

2 1/2 cups flour  
1/2 cup cocoa power, either alkalized (Dutch-process) or natural (non-alkalized)  
1 teaspoon instant espresso powder, optional but recommended  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 sticks (1 cup) unsalted butter, softened  
1 cup sugar  
1 large egg  
1 teaspoon vanilla

Whisk together the flour, cocoa powder, espresso powder and salt in a medium bowl; set aside.

Cream together the butter and sugar with an electric mixer until light and fluffy. (If your mixer has multiple attachments, use the paddle.) Add the egg and vanilla; mix until well blended.

With the mixer on low, gradually add the flour mixture to the butter mixture until the two are thoroughly blended. Turn out the dough onto a work surface; divide it into two or three equal portions. Form each into a rough disk. Wrap in plastic wrap; chill 20 minutes.

Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Roll out the dough about 1/4 inch thick; cut your cookie shapes. Reroll the scraps and cut more. Transfer to parchment-lined cookie sheets, 1 inch apart. Bake on the middle rack until the cookies start to turn a deeper brown around the edges, 12-16 minutes. Cool completely on a rack before decorating.



## Life & Style

# The power of cute: Hello Kitty Con debuts in LA

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Marty Garrett and Salumeh Eslamieh gave up their garage for Hello Kitty.

The married couple turned the garage of their San Francisco home into a permanent showroom for their vast Hello Kitty collection. Museum-style glass cases hold hundreds of rare and vintage Kitty items, including a rotary phone from 1976 and a gumball machine from 1983. A four-foot-tall fiberglass statue of the Sanrio character, which Garrett calls “the holy grail of our Hello Kitty collection,” stands in the corner.

The couple met and bonded over the little white cat (or the little girl with kitty ears and whiskers, if you prefer), and will be traveling to Los Angeles this week celebrate the character’s 40th birthday at Hello Kitty Con, a four-day festival dedicated to all things Kitty.

“This is the first time there has ever been a fan convention of this kind,” Sanrio spokesman Dave Marchi said. “It’s the only one happening anywhere in the world.”

And it’s already sold out. More than 25,000 fans are expected; An exhibition at the neighboring Japanese American National Museum, “Hello! Exploring the Supercute World of Hello Kitty,” will continue through April 26, 2015.

Garrett and Eslamieh, both 32, were already Hello Kitty fans before they met, and their union has only fueled their fandom. Though most of their Sanrio collection lives in the garage-turned-showroom, there are pieces sprinkled throughout their house. The couple keeps a mini Hello Kitty kitchen inside their real kitchen, and they hand-painted a skylight above their dinner table with Sanrio characters.

“It’s a pretty substantial part of our interests together,” said Garrett, a lanky man with an armful of tattoos. “It does sort of guide and direct the things we do.”

During their courtship, Garrett worked at a Sanrio store where Eslamieh would often visit. When the store closed, they bought its giant Sanrio sign, now on display in their showroom.

They visit Sanrio stores where ever they find them. They made a special trip to Japan to visit PuroLand, Tokyo’s Sanrio theme park, and went to Honolulu’s Sanrio Cafe on their honeymoon.

“I always wanted more Sanrio,”

said Eslamieh, who has a Hello Kitty tattoo on her shoulder and a Sanrio symbol on her wrist. The college professor confessed that her mother once called a radio psychiatrist for advice about her daughter’s lifelong obsession with Kitty/kiddie characters.

“You have to like cute things, and that’s just not some people’s personality,” said Eslamieh, who keeps her love of Kitty separate from her professional life. “The products and designs are simple enough and cute enough that they fit in a semi-sophisticated home.”

Garrett, an elementary school teacher, has always been a collector. He came to Hello Kitty through comic books and anime, inspired by the breadth of characters and products available. He collects video games, too, and has 676 of the 677 original Nintendo games.

“Marty inspires the collecting part,” Eslamieh said of her husband, who also considers himself “the biggest Monkichi fan”—another Sanrio character that looks like a monkey. He boasts a complete collection of everything Monkichi has appeared on, housed in a floor-to-ceiling closet in the couple’s guest room.

Garrett has integrated his love of Sanrio stuff into his work. Some of the couple’s collection is kept in his fourth-grade classroom at Lawton Alternative School. Seasonal Sanrio banners hang outside the door, a giant acrylic Hello Kitty face greets students inside, and a pile of plush toys sit atop the bookcase.

“There are so many pressures in this profession that can bring you down, so it’s good to stay afloat with the cuteness of Hello Kitty and Sanrio,” he said.



In this Monday, Oct. 13, 2014 photo, Salumeh Eslamieh, top left, and Marty Garrett walk up the stairs past statues of Sanrio characters Hello Kitty, bottom left, and Pochacco displayed at their home in San Francisco. AP

## Finland comic wins world’s funniest competition

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The winner of the Funniest Person in the World competition is a brown-haired, slightly rotund stand-up comic from Finland who boasts he has hit on the perfect solution to the planet’s international monetary woes.

“Countries don’t owe money to each other, countries owe money to banks,” says Ismo Leikola. “If the countries owe money to banks how stupid are the countries to pay. Like the country has an army. The bank has four cashiers and a cleaning lady.”

When Leikola told that joke in the

semifinal round of the competition last week at the Laugh Factory in Hollywood it got the biggest laugh of the night.

From there the Finnish comedian bankrolled himself to victory at Friday night’s final round, a five-comic showdown at the Laugh Factory in Las Vegas. The competition was streamed over the Internet.

When the votes were counted Monday, Leikola had 158,945. In second place was Saad Haroon of Pakistan with 59,213.

Mustapha El Atrassi of France was third, Nitin Mirani of United Arab Emirates was fourth and Archie Bezos

of Spain was fifth.

Leikola wins \$10,000 and a national comedy tour.

The competition was the brainchild of Laugh Factory owner Jamie Masada, who plans to make it an annual event. He said he hopes it can show the world that if people from different countries laugh together they can set aside other differences.

Dozens of comics from around the world entered. Online voters narrowed the competition to 10 semifinalists, then five finalists before the final showdown in Las Vegas.

“And especially that he’s a man,” Eslamieh added, “it gives boys license not to have to be so macho.”

Garrett will participate in a panel at the convention called “Guys love Hello Kitty too!” Eslamieh will also appear on a panel with other collectors: “For the Love of the Red bow—Super Fans Unite!”

The event will include hands-on workshops, where attendees can try scrapbooking, cake decorating, jewelry making and other Kitty-themed craft projects. Real tattoo artists will be on hand to ink guests with Hello Kitty. Temporary tattoos and nail art stations will also be available, along with plenty of shopping opportunities, with new Hello Kitty merchandise that includes everything from limited editions Beats by Dre headphones to Jeffrey Campbell custom platform shoes.

“She’s world-renowned and beloved everywhere,” Marchi said of the character that first appeared on a coin purse from Japan’s Sanrio Co. in 1974. “From that humble coin purse, she has helped spawn an \$8 billion enterprise.”

## Everything you need to know about Hello Kitty

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Hello Kitty didn’t need a backstory—or a mouth—to become a global phenomenon.

Her image can be found on just about anything imaginable, from the predictable plush toys and lunch boxes to the not-so-predictable: surfboards, motor oil, an air purifier, kitchen gadgets, fine jewelry, light bulbs and toilet paper.

“You could be born in a Hello Kitty maternity ward,” said Dave Marchi, a spokesman for Sanrio, the Japanese company that created Hello Kitty in 1974.

Here’s what you need to know about the famous character, who turns 40 on Nov. 1:

**Q: Is she a cat or not?**

**A:** People reacted with shock when news emerged over the summer that Hello Kitty is not a cat, but it’s really not so simple.

“Sanrio does not reference her as a cat in the traditional sense: She doesn’t meow, she doesn’t drink milk from a bowl, she doesn’t eat cat food,” Marchi said. “It all comes down to how you want to describe this anthropomorphized figure. Obviously she looks like a cat. Some people want to think of her and describe her as a cat. But we at Sanrio always reference her as a little girl.”

He compared Hello Kitty to Mickey Mouse, a mouse that wears shorts, shoes and gloves.

**Q: Does Hello Kitty have a back story?**

**A:** According to the SanrioTown website, yes. Her full name is Kitty White. She lives in London, has a twin sister named Mimmy and a pet cat called Charmmy Kitty. She is about five apples tall. Her favorite color is red, and she enjoys playing piano and baking cookies.

**Q: Why is Hello Kitty so popular?**

**A:** Branding expert Dorie Clark says Hello Kitty’s simple, mouthless design lends to her broad appeal.

“She’s stoic, she’s expressionless, and people can put onto her almost any kind of emotion,” she said. “She can mean almost anything to anyone.”

There’s also the nostalgia factor as the character turns 40, Clark said: “There’s an audience of people who grew up with her... who look back on her as a warm and familiar reminder of their childhood.”

**Q: Does she belong to a larger cultural phenomenon?**

**A:** She is part of the Japanese culture of cuteness known as kawaii, also seen in characters such as Pikachu.

“It’s something clever and creative which contributes to a certain cool factor,” anthropology professor Christine R. Yano, author of “Pink Globalization: Hello Kitty’s Trek Across the Pacific,” told the Los Angeles Times. “For example, take Precious Moments (collectibles). That’s cute. But there’s nothing cool about Precious Moments. Hello Kitty has the potential to be so many other things.”



# Taylor Swift: Growing up and going pop

**NEW YORK** (AP)—When Taylor Swift released the Grammy-winning, banjo-tinged “Mean” in 2010, haters fired shots at the then-20-year-old.

Four years later, Swift says she’s grown and was able to write her new single “Shake It Off” about others dissing her from a new perspective.

“We are all getting our hearts broken, being built up, being let down, feeling disappointed, feeling joy, feeling all these emotions, but what I’ve noticed is that even when it’s the same kind of emotion that I’m feeling, I process it and feel it differently now than I used to,” she said in an interview last week. “And I think that’s a factor of growing up, but I’m pretty proud of the way it’s gone.”

All signs point to growth as Swift releases her fifth album, “1989,” on Monday: She’s left behind her country roots to go full-blown pop, she’s moved to New York City and she hasn’t really thought about dating in nearly two years.

“I think it’s a beautiful thing to be in love. If you’re in a good relationship, that’s wonderful, but you are factoring someone else’s feelings, schedule, opinion and priorities into your own feelings, schedule, thoughts, opinions, priorities. And in the last year and a half, that just hasn’t been something that I’ve been interested in,” she said.

Swift, 24, began dabbling in pop when she released “Red” in 2012, which featured the pop smashes “We Are Never

Getting Back Together” and “I Knew You Were Trouble.” Max Martin, who co-produced those songs with Shellback, is the executive producer behind “1989” and has created a slew of pop anthems, from Britney Spears’ “... Baby One More Time” to Kelly Clarkson’s “Since U Been Gone.”

“I found myself wanting so badly to explore this new territory, but I felt absolutely terrified to go too far in that direction because I thought people would be angry,” Swift said about going pop. “I think that the country community wasn’t surprised that I made a pop album; I think they were surprised when I was honest about it.”

It’s a bold move for Swift, who moved to Nashville as a teen to pursue her singing career. Her first single was called “Tim McGraw.”

“We’ve had a great relationship with 2,000 country radio stations ... and so talking it through, she still welcomes their support,” said Scott Borchetta, the president and CEO of Swift’s longtime label home, Big Machine Records. “If the moment ever strikes her again and she decides, ‘You know what, the music I’m making now is country,’ I think she’ll be welcomed back with open arms.”

Swift says she’s not sure she will record country music again—not because she doesn’t want to, but because it’s too early to tell.

“If I wanted to make ‘Red’ 2.0 I could have done it, but I ... wanted the focus to be on the sound of the record rather



In this Sept. 19, 2014 file photo, Taylor Swift performs at the iHeartRadio Music Festival at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas. AP

than everyone dissecting each lyric to see who these songs are about,” she said.

“1989” is pure pop fun, featuring hook heavy jams, from anthemic moments like “Shake It Off” and “Bad Blood” to calmer grooves like “Clean,” featuring Imogen Heap. It’s also a sound that resonates with Swift’s fans, if a recent secret session at her apartment in New York City was any indication.

Swift invited 89 fans to her warmly decorated pad in Tribeca

to preview “1989.” The feverish group of girls and boys (and moms) immediately jumped to the floor to sit on pillows as Swift sat in front of them. One girl couldn’t stop shaking.

“I’m a little worried about the shaking,” Swift said to the blonde teen, and then gave her a high-five to calm her nerves.

When she played “Bad Blood,” a song Swift wrote about a female pop singer she had a falling out with, a fan yelled as Swift gave background on the song: “It’s because she doesn’t have a Grammy!” Swift

gave her signature coy look, as the crowd looked to the two Grammy Awards atop her mantel, one of them for album of the year for 2008’s groundbreaking “Fearless.”

“Bad Blood” sounds like typical Swift, but most of the radio-friendly “1989” showcases a different tone in her songwriting. “Blank Space” was initially started as a joke: Swift said she had seen all of the tabloid stories about her and decided to write a song as if she was actually the media-created character.

“They’ve drawn up this ficti-

tious sensationalized version of my life ... and I couldn’t help but think about how interesting, although albeit untrue, this character was. She’s very interesting, you know, unpredictable and kind of reckless and impulsive and emotional, over-emotional mood swings and needy and clingy, but somehow alluring,” she said.

Another song, “I Wish You Would,” marks another growth area: Swift says she’s now friends with an ex.

“That’s a new concept for me actually, writing songs about things that have happened in romantic relationships and being able to run them past the person that they’re about,” she said.

Bleachers frontman and fun. guitarist Jack Antonoff, who co-wrote and produced songs on “1989,” calls Swift’s new sound “innovative.”

“She’s never complicated the process of writing and recording,” said Antonoff, who dates Lena Dunham, one of Swift’s best friends. “I think the reason why she connects with so many people is she’s not someone you want to be, she’s someone you want to be friends with.”

Swift, who credits living in New York City as part of her growth, said she’s completely comfortable in her skin.

“At this point in my life at 24, I have a very solid grasp on my identity—I know exactly who I am, but I know exactly what (the media) say I am,” she said. “I feel very comfortable joining in on the social commentary and joining in on the joke because I know exactly what it is—a joke.”

## Madame Tussauds DC to add figure of Taylor Swift

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Taylor Swift is getting double the love from the Madame Tussauds wax museum with her figure being unveiled in both Washington and Hollywood.

On Tuesday, the museum will add its new wax statue of the 24-year-old singer to its attraction in downtown Wash-

ington. Madame Tussauds Hollywood unveiled its new Swift figure on Monday.

In Washington, Swift will join figures of President Barack Obama, Beyonce and Katy Perry.

Madame Tussauds says Swift has been a popular fixture in the museum’s New York City location.

For her original figure in 2010, Swift spent time with a team of Madame Tussauds artists. They traveled to Nashville to take precise measurements and photographs of the young star. The museum says Swift shared her favorite styling and makeup tips to help recreate her look in wax.

## Signed Rolling Stones book offered for \$5,000

**NEW YORK** (AP)—The next Rolling Stones project will cost you a lot more than the average concert ticket.

A boxed, collector’s edition of “The Rolling Stones,” a coffee table book featuring hundreds of famous and little-known photographs, will be released in December. The publisher Taschen announced Monday that band members Mick Jagger,

Keith Richards, Ron Wood and Charlie Watts signed each of the available 1,150 copies. The asking price: \$5,000. The regular edition, unsigned and slightly smaller in dimension, has a list price of \$150.

In a statement issued through Taschen, Jagger said the book captures “many magical moments,” while Richards called it a “roller coaster” through the band’s 50 year history.

## Season signals time to change batteries as well as clocks

**DEAR ABBY:** Smoke alarms are one of the greatest fire safety success stories of our time. Since they were introduced in 1975, home fire deaths have been cut in half, even as the nation’s population has increased by half. But far too many people let the batteries in their smoke alarms wear out, or even remove them to avoid occasional nuisance alarms. And too many people—and their families—pay for their neglect or poor judgment with their lives.

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This fall marks the 27th consecutive year the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) will partner with Energizer, the manufacturer of batteries, flashlights and lanterns, in the Change Your Clock Change Your Battery program. Together, we’re asking people to test their existing batteries or install fresh ones in their smoke alarms in conjunction with the end of daylight saving time on Sunday, Nov. 2. It takes only a few minutes. This will not only give families critical early warning time to escape a fire, but also helps to protect our firefighters by reducing the likelihood they’ll have to enter a burning home to rescue someone still inside.

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Readers, I’m giving you notice. Friday is Halloween, and Saturday night at bedtime is when you’ll be turning your clocks back to standard time. Please remember to add smoke detector batteries to your shopping list this week. That way, they’ll be at hand when we check our smoke alarms to ensure they are working properly.

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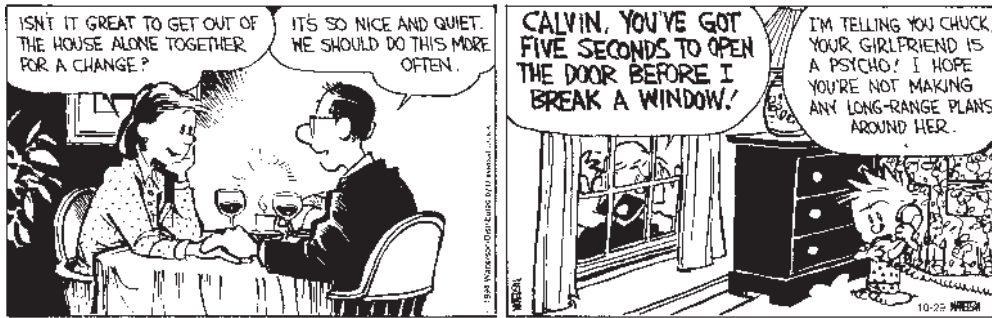
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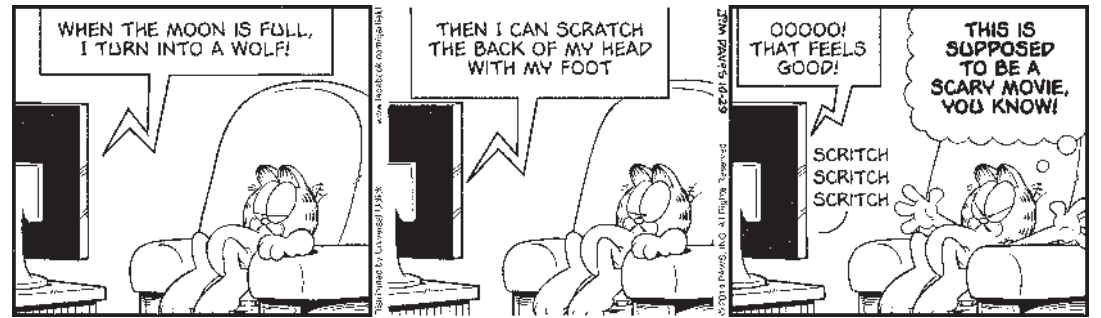
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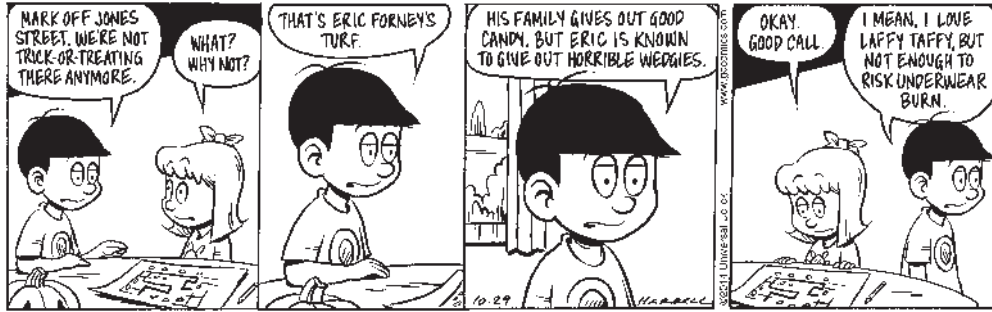
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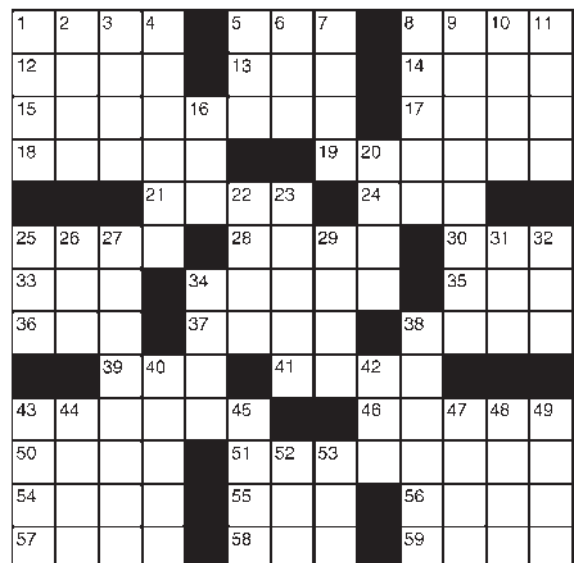
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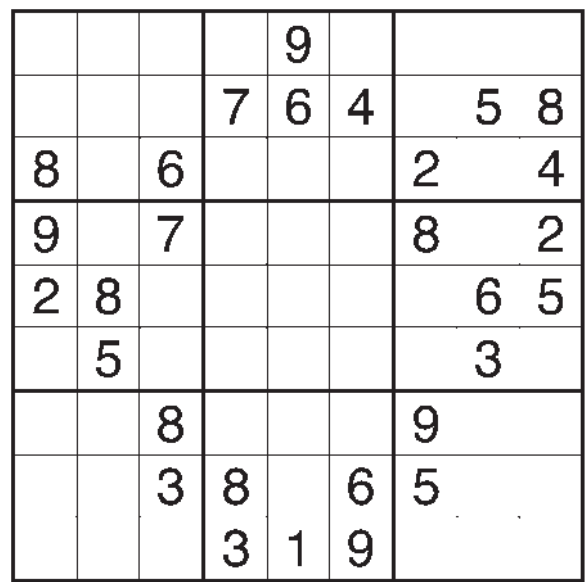
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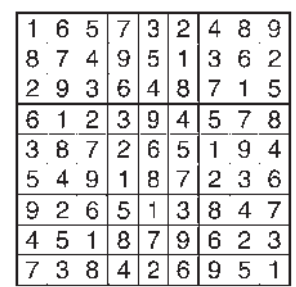
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# Redskins win in OT, end Cowboys' 6-game run

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)—Colt McCoy did it again. The small-town West Texas kid calmly led a winning drive at the home of the Dallas Cowboys.

McCoy's successful return to his home state trumped Tony Romo's dramatic return to the game.

McCoy directed Washington to Kai Forbath's 40-yard field goal in overtime and Dallas was unable to answer after Romo came back from an injury to his surgically repaired back, sending the Redskins to a 20-17 victory on Monday night that snapped the Cowboys' six-game winning streak.

Playing in Dallas' stadium for the first time since his Texas-record 45th victory in the 2009 Big 12 championship game against Nebraska - 13-12 on a last-play field goal - McCoy won in his first NFL start in nearly three years after beginning the night with a career record of 6-15.

"Last-second wins, right?" McCoy said, laughing. "But I grew up as the game went on. I felt more and more comfortable and I started seeing the defense right. We made some plays down the stretch that good teams have to make to win games."

It might be McCoy's only start if Robert Griffin III is ready to return from a dislocated ankle that has sidelined him since Week 2. The Redskins go to Minnesota on Sunday, and then have their bye week.

"Robert's our starter," coach Jay Gruden said. "I haven't wavered off of that in my mind. When he's ready, he'll be ready to go."

The Cowboys (6-2) had one last chance after Forbath's kick, but didn't get a first down. Romo's final pass on fourth down was knocked away by Bashaud Breeland.

Dallas running back DeMarco Murray extended the record he took from Jim Brown a week ago with his eighth straight 100-yard rushing game to start the season. He had 141 yards rushing and another 80 receiving, but also had his fifth fumble of the season at the end of a 36-yard screen pass inside the Washington 10 in the first half.

"Well, it's terribly disappointing," owner Jerry Jones said. "Jay Gruden and his staff, their organization, they came in here and took it to us and they won the game. We couldn't get it done."

Romo left after getting sacked by Keenan Robinson in the third quarter. He lay motionless for several minutes but returned for the final Dallas drive of regulation.

The 34-year-old Romo, who had surgery for a herniated disk



for 299 yards, threw 23 yards to Pierre Garcon to get the winning drive going. On third-and-3 from midfield, he fled the pocket, pointed to Jordan Reed to run up the field and lofted a pass that Reed caught while tip-toeing inbounds.

Another 16-yarder to Reed made Forbath's job much easier.

Brandon Weeden took over at quarterback after Romo was hurt, and his first play was a handoff to Murray for 51 yards to the Redskins 6, but the Cowboys had to settle for a field goal.

McCoy put Washington up 17-10 early in the fourth quarter with a 7-yard run on a quarterback draw, slicing between three defenders across the goal line.

Weeden answered with a matching 80-yard drive capped by his 25-yard scoring pass to Jason Witten.

Washington Redskins running back Roy Helu (29) escapes a tackle attempt by Dallas Cowboys' Barry Church (42) during the second half of an NFL football game, Monday, Oct. 27, 2014, in Arlington, Texas.

## LeBron back home, Spurs back on top as NBA returns

NEW YORK (AP)—LeBron James returned to Cleveland, Kevin Love joined him and suddenly the Cavaliers had the makings of the latest superteam.



The San Antonio Spurs are already one. No big changes were necessary for the Spurs, who simply kept the gang together. They brought back nearly every piece from the team that annihilated James and the Miami Heat in the NBA Finals for their fifth championship.

James set off shortly after for a new start in his old home, where he will renew the quest for a championship that's eluded Cleveland's pro teams for half a century. The Spurs on Tuesday will begin chasing about the only thing that's escaped them in the Gregg Popovich-Tim Duncan era: back-to-back titles.

"We know that every team is going to come out and give us everything they've got," Spurs guard Danny Green said. "We've got a bigger target on our chest now and that's what we want. ... We've got to take on the challenge and be the ultimate competitors that we are."

Teams will be coming just as hard at the Cavaliers, who didn't win much more than draft lotteries after James bolted for Miami in 2010. But they were elevated to instant Eastern Conference favorites when James joined Kyrie Irving, the MVP of the All-Star game and the Basketball World Cup, and Love, the longtime Minnesota

### S I D E B A R

## Varejao, Cavs in contract extension talks

CLEVELAND (AP)—The Cleveland Cavaliers are engaged in serious talks with center Anderson Varejao on a contract extension, league sources said.

Talks have progressed in recent weeks, but there's no agreement imminent, sources said.

Varejao, 32, could become an unrestricted free agent in July 2015. Nevertheless, he and Cavaliers officials have a mutual desire to reach an agreement in the near future and continue a 10-year partnership.

Cavaliers star LeBron James has a strong bond with Varejao, with whom he played six seasons before James left Cleveland in 2010 to sign with the Miami Heat.

Cleveland coach David Blatt

chose Varejao to start over Tristan Thompson to begin the season, and Varejao's playoff experience promises to be an important part of the Cavs' pursuit of a championship.

Varejao is considered one of the NBA's most aggressive rebounders and defenders, elements that'll be vital in competing against the physicality of the Chicago Bulls in the Eastern Conference this season.

After fighting injuries in recent seasons, Varejao played 65 games for Cleveland a season ago, averaging 8.4 points and 9.7 rebounds in 27 minutes a game. He will make \$9.8 million in the final year of his deal.

In Minnesota, the Timberwolves have reached a buyout agreement with veteran guard

J.J. Barea to get down to the roster limit of 15 players.

Coach Flip Saunders announced the decision Monday. Barea had one year and \$4.5 million remaining on his contract. But Saunders didn't believe there would be as much playing time for him this season with Ricky Rubio and Mo Williams entrenched as the team's top two point guards.

Barea signed a four-year contract worth more than \$17 million in 2011 to leave Dallas.

Barea struggled for much of his time in Minnesota, where he was miscast as a prototypical point guard. Barea was at his best as a mini-shooting guard in Dallas and he could return to the Mavericks.

Timberwolves star.

Neither of those guys has even played in a postseason game, but inexperience - or anything else - won't work as an excuse now that James is back in his familiar No. 23.

"It's going to be a different challenge for them," James said. "They were so accustomed to being the prey sneaking up on the predator. Now it kind of changes."

James and the Spurs could meet for the third straight June, a familiar NBA Finals plot with a new stage and co-stars. But both face significant challenges just to get there.

Derrick Rose's return could

lead a running of the Bulls right to the finals. Maybe Oklahoma City, once MVP Kevin Durant recovers from a broken foot, or the Los Angeles Clippers, looking to pay back record-spending new owner Steve Ballmer with a championship, could stand in the Spurs' way.

"I don't see it as a big question mark in the East. LeBron and Love and Irving will be in the Eastern Conference finals. I think Chicago will find their way there if their 2 and 3 hold up and if Rose is Rose again," ABC/ESPN analyst Jeff Van Gundy said. "But out West, to me there are like five teams you could say, 'I could see them ad-

vancing to the finals."

None has the continuity of the Spurs, who brought back 14 of the players who had confetti falling on their heads after Game 5. They won't be in top form for a while because of injuries, especially NBA Finals MVP Kawhi Leonard's eye infection, but they still stand out even among the other top teams in the loaded West.

"I think we're all right next to each other - other than the Spurs," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said. "The Spurs are better than all of us. I don't think there's any question about that and so we have to catch the Spurs."



# Giants, Royals ready for wild World Series finish



**SAN FRANCISCO**  
(AP)—Buster Posey was annoyed. Play-

fully so. The Giants catcher wanted Madison Bumgarner to do more than barely break a smile after a brilliant pitching performance put San Francisco one win from another World Series title.

No way, Buster.

Because in this postseason full of stars and surprises, who knows? Heck, Bumgarner might still have more work to do.

Baseball took its final break Monday before the Giants and Royals settle things. Holding a 3-2 edge, San Francisco will try to claim its third championship in five years Tuesday night when the wild-card matchup resumes at Kansas City.

"We're trying to grind this thing out, the way we have for what feels like forever now," Jake Peavy, who starts Game 6 for the Giants, said before Monday night's workout at Kauffman Stadium. "Not even sure of the date, the day. Doesn't matter."

The day off gave fans a chance to savor what they'd already seen in the past month, and there was plenty - the success of Bumgarner, Lorenzo Cain and Yusmeiro Petit, the struggles of Clayton Kershaw, Mike Trout and Detroit's aces, a rack of tight games and one that went 18 innings.

"Clayton who? MadBum!" one man yelled as he exited AT&T Park after the Giants won 5-0 Sunday night.

Could be a lot more cooking in this October oven, too.

Maybe Ned Yost even had it right.

"Oh, man, somewhere inside of me, secretly I had hoped that it would go seven games for the excitement and the thrill of it," the Kansas City manager said after a loss in Game 4. "Sure looks that way."

Perhaps it's only fitting this Fall Classic ends at Kauffman Stadium, a place hosting playoff baseball for the first time in 29 years. The Royals started this pulsating postseason at home with a 9-8 comeback win in 12 innings over Oakland in the AL wild-card game, a thriller that began on the last day of September and nearly stretched into October.

That captivating night in Kansas City set the stage for a month to remember: dramatic finishes, favorites falling and underdogs overachieving, stars slipping and new ones shining.

What happens next is anybody's guess. After all, the last time Game 6 of the World Series came to Kansas City, one of the most surreal scenes in baseball history unfolded: first base umpire Don Denkinger's botched call serving as the signature moment of the 1985 World Series won by the Royals over St. Louis.

"We know we can do it," Royals first baseman Eric Hosmer said. "We're a confident group. But we can't do anything without winning Game 6. We're excited to get back home where we feed off the fans and that energy."

Royals rookie Yordano Ventura starts against the veteran Peavy—not exactly the matchup many would've predicted in April.

But the majors' most notable names during the regular season—Dodgers ace Kershaw and Angels slugger Trout—flamed out fast in the Division Series. A trio of Cy Young winners didn't do enough for Detroit. Injuries slowed down former Triple Crown winner Miguel Cabrera of the Tigers and Cardinals ace Adam Wainwright.

Even playoff-proven starter Jon Lester looked lost under October's bright



Kansas City Royals Salvador Perez misses the throw to home as San Francisco Giants Hunter Pence scores on a two-run RBI double by Juan Perez during the eighth inning of Game 5 of baseball's World Series Sunday, Oct. 26, 2014, in San Francisco. AP

lights for the one-and-done Athletics. Plus up-and-coming starter Stephen Strasburg showed he still has to polish his postseason poise for the Nationals.

Instead, these playoffs bred a new batch of baseball darlings: Cain and the running Royals, starter-turned-reliever Petit and a pair of blazing bullpens no longer overlooked in the World Series.

Of course, no star has burned bright-

er than a 25-year-old lefty from North Carolina, the one who peeved Posey with his tempered postgame reaction.

Bumgarner's dominant performances in Game 1 and Game 5—not to mention in every previous round of the playoffs—has put San Francisco one win away from another parade down Market Street, something Willie Mays, Barry Bonds and generations of Giants

fans had dreamed of for so long.

Now it's becoming an every-other-year tradition. And if the Giants don't win Game 6, there's always a chance Bumgarner could emerge from the bullpen to help out in Game 7.

Royals rookie Brandon Finnegan might understand the topsy-turvy nature of these playoffs better than anyone.

Only four months after he pitched in

the College World Series, the 21-year-old reliever got two key outs in the seventh inning as Kansas City won Game 3. A night later, Finnegan failed to bridge the gap to the back end of the bullpen, allowing five runs in an 11-4 loss to San Francisco.

"Baseball can pick you up quickly," Finnegan said, "and hit you in the gut quickly."

## SIDEBAR

### Royals hope to light up Giants and clubhouse deer

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** (AP)—A 2-foot-tall image of deer in multicolored neon with a bulls-eye on its tail is affixed to a wall in the Kansas City Royals locker room. It hangs between the stalls of Aaron Crow and Tim Collins, and has a "W" underneath a crown.

Pitcher James Shields ordered it custom made, and after wins veterans select a "King of the Game" to flip the switch that lights up the so-called "Texas Heart Shot" while a smoke machine perched atop a refrigerator fills the room with a fog more befitting a night club than a clubhouse.

Trailing 3-2 to the San Francisco Giants in the World Series, the Royals hope to light up that sign two more times this week. But if they do come back to win their first title in 29 years, it's unlikely there will be time for their usual clubhouse ceremony given the champagne-fueled chaos.

"I doubt it. It's going to be crazy around here if we win both games," outfielder Lorenzo Cain said Monday.

Kansas City turns to a 23-year-old rookie to save its season, but not just any 23-year-old rookie: the hardest-throwing starting pitcher in the major leagues.

Yordano Ventura gets the ball Tuesday night with the Royals in the same position they were in in 1985

when they sent Charlie Leibrandt to the mound against St. Louis. Kansas City won 2-1 that night on pinch-hitter Dane Iorg's two-run single in the ninth after a blown call by first base umpire Don Denkinger, and the Royals went on to blow out the Cardinals 11-0 a day later behind Bret Saberhagen for their only title.

In the 41 previous instances the World Series was 2-2 in the best-of-seven format, the Game 5 winner has taken the title 27 times. But eight of the last 10 teams to come home trailing 3-2 swept Games 6 and 7.

"We have a lot of confidence in Ventura. We have confidence that we will win every time he takes the mound," Royals first baseman Eric Hosmer said. "We know we can do it. We're a confident group. But we can't do anything without winning Game 6. We're excited to get back home, where we feed off the fans and that energy."

Kansas City hopes to light up Jake Peavy along with the deer in a rematch of Game 2 starters.

Ventura, whose fastball averaged 98 mph this season, didn't get a decision in the second game, allowing two runs and eight hits in 5 1-3 innings before Royals manager Ned Yost went to his hard-throwing HDH relief trio of

Kelvin Herrera, Wade Davis and Greg Holland in the 7-2 victory.

"His confidence is just staggering," Yost said. "You walk in that clubhouse, and he looks you square in the eye with that glint that says: 'I'm ready for this.'"

The 33-year-old Peavy took the loss, giving up four runs and six hits in five innings-plus. He is seeking his first World Series win—he didn't get a decision for Boston in Game 3 last year—and is well aware he could get the victory in the clincher.

"I can't imagine anything being any sweeter than that," he said. "This is the start that you play your whole career wanting."

This is the first World Series in which four of the first five games were decided by five runs or more. The second all-wild card World Series has followed the pattern of the first in 2002. The Giants won the opener on the road, lost the next two games and won two in a row to take a 3-2 lead. San Francisco opened a 5-0 lead in Game 6 at Anaheim but lost 6-5, and the Angels won Game 7 the following night.

Yost hopes history repeats and Ventura is energized by the Kauffman Stadium crowd.

"Trust me, if we're in this position,

I would much rather be here than there with our fans. I think home-field advantage is huge," he said after the team arrived back home at about 4:30 a.m. "It's going to be a lot funner going into Game 6 here than it would be in San Francisco, that's for sure."

The Giants spent the night at home, chartered with player families on the flight and reached Kansas City about 12 1/2 hour later. With the shift to the AL ballpark, designated hitters return: Billy Butler for the Royals and Michael Morse for the Giants.

San Francisco's Tim Hudson and Kansas City's Jeremy Guthrie would be the likely Game 7 starters if the Series is extended to Wednesday. And lurking is Madison Bumgarner, who pitched a four-hit shutout to win Game 5 on Sunday. Bumgarner, 4-0 in Series play with a record-low 0.29 ERA, could come out of the bullpen on two days' rest for what would be his first relief appearance since throwing two scoreless innings in Game 6 of the 2010 NL Championship Series.

He wouldn't estimate how long he could go.

"I'm not a big pitch-count guy," he said. "So as long as you keep getting outs and you feel good, you should stay out there."



# Pacquiao breaks nose of sparring partner Postol



Manny “Pacman” Pacquiao has been gobbling up his sparring partners, leaving a top contender with a broken nose and another hurt as he stepped up preparations for his highly-anticipated welterweight showdown against American Chris Algieri in Clash of Cotai II next month in Macau.

Pacquiao (56-5-2, 38 KOs) is sparring with highly-regarded welterweight Mike Jones and current junior welterweight contender Viktor Postol, two tall fighters who fit the style of the unbeaten Algieri, who will be hoping to clinch Pacquiao’s WBO (World Boxing Organisation) welterweight title on November 23 at the Cotai Arena in the Venetian Macao.

The thing is I have my number one contender from Ukraine [Postol] and he’s a very good boxer and he could beat Algieri right now

The Philippine superstar, who was in Hong Kong on a three-day promotional visit, hurt Jones last week in training, and then left Postol, the No 1 contender in the junior welterweight division, with a broken nose in training at Pacquiao’s Wildcard Gym in General Santos last Friday.

Trainer Freddie Roach is not taking 30-year-old Algieri (20-0, 8 KOs) lightly, saying he is using three good sparring partners to get Pacquiao in top physical condition for the showdown set at a catchweight of 144 pounds.

Still, the American coach



continues to knock Algieri, saying Ukrainian Postol would beat Algieri “right at this moment”.

“The thing is I have my number one contender from Ukraine [Postol] and he’s a very good boxer and he could beat Algieri right now. That’s why I brought him in as a number one sparring partner because he has that style,” said Roach, who also trains the Ukraine-born fighter.

Roach stood by the notion

that his sparring partners were better fighters than the 1.77m tall Algieri (Pacquiao is only 1.71m), but he still was not taking any chances and is working Pacquiao into “terrific condition”.

“Manny broke Postol’s nose three days ago. But Postol’s okay. I train him. He’s a fighter, he’s a tough kid and he’s not going home,” added Roach.

“Hey, you know the thing

is that I brought real sparring partners for real work. The last time we fought in China [Macau] our sparring partners weren’t as good because our opponent wasn’t as good [Brandon Rios]. We know this guy, he [Algieri] should take that as a compliment [that his sparring partners are better than Algieri]. We’re in against a type of opponent who is a hard sell for us. I brought in

guys who fight just like him [Algieri]. I bring everything, so whatever he [Algieri] brings to the table, we will be ready for him,” said Roach.

The Hall of Fame trainer said Pacquiao’s fitness level and condition were “way past” last November when he easily defeated Rios by a unanimous decision in Clash in Cotai I.

“Manny Pacquiao is in great shape. Our strength coach [Jus-

Manny Pacquiao, left, trains with coach Freddie Roach during a media workout in Hong Kong.

tin Fortune] came in 10 days before me [in General Santos]. He started working him and by the time I worked with him, we were sparring 12 rounds in the mitts. Pacquiao wasn’t even breathing heavy. His condition is terrific right now,” said Roach.

Asked whether Pacquiao needed to slow down to avoid hitting his peak too soon, Roach said: “That’s why I want him to come to Hong Kong. We weren’t going to come because the fight is more important. But the thing is that we are way ahead of schedule.

“We had a good rest day, yesterday wasn’t so bad [promotional activities] and today he’s going to have a little bit of a workout, nothing heavy. But tomorrow, we will box nine rounds, nine rounds on Thursday and 10 rounds on Saturday, so we are working our way to a peak level and when we hit that peak, we will decide tapering off a bit. We still have three hard weeks of work in front of us. With three good sparring partners, it’s working out well. I have one more sparring partner coming over as a reserve, but I will use him as well,” Roach said.

Pacquiao had a light training session at the EPIC MMA Club in Central on Monday, showing a large group of reporters his incredible work rate and style that make him one of the world’s top pound-for-pound fighters.

## MP

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avored teams in the division. The Sparks scored the first goal in the match, but Joshua Abragan came into MP United’s rescue with the equalizer to keep their upset bid alive.

MP United went on to complete the big win against its highly regarded foe with Tenorio scoring his second goal in the tournament.

With its unbeaten 2-0 mark in the U14 division, MP United takes the solo lead in Group A. Up next for the club is FC Forza Academy (1-1) and another victory will boost the Typhoons’ playoff bid. Only the

top finisher in each pool (four) will make it to the playoffs.

Meanwhile, the club’s U17 team duplicated the U14 squad’s feat after pulling off similar 1-0 wins over University of Sto. Tomas High School last Monday and Manila Soccer Academy yesterday.

MP United’s U17 crew first dueled UST last Monday and escaped with the close win off Tanapon Unsa’s goal and Christopher Aninzo’s big defensive stop.

According to Del Rosario, Unsa broke away from a phalanx of UST defenders in the second half and used his left foot to kick the ball from the middle. UST then had a chance

to tie the match in the closing minutes of the second half, but Aninzo stepped in for a save, denying an upper 90 shot from one of UST’s strikers.

Against Manila Soccer Academy, Unsa was also the scorer for MP United, but this time he drew help from Jehn Joyner and Julian Roxas.

“It was a give and go play that start with Jehn, then to Julian, and finally to Jack,” del Rosario said. “It was one tough match.”

Del Rosario and company are in for another hard game today as they face University of Batangas, which won its first three games in the U17 division. The anticipated MP

United-University of Batangas tiff is set for 9am with the winner likely to finish on top of Group C and gain a playoff seat.

The division has three groups and only the top team (not Top 2 as earlier reported) in each pool will advance to the semis. The fourth and last semis slot will be given to the team with the second best record (combining all three groups).

“With that format, there’s no room for relaxing. We have to play very hard every game. Against Batangas, we need to follow and execute our game plan. We need every player’s help,” del Rosario said.

## DCCA

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Manabat scattered 10 markers and grabbed eight rebounds.

Brian Ajoste and Sam Fernandez combined for 22 points, five rebounds, and two assists to lead CHC’s losing cause while, Jonathan Nunag contributed 9 markers, 11 rebounds, and two steals.

Big man Tony Rajo, who got double and triple teamed every time he gets the ball inside the paint, ended up with 7 markers, eight rebounds, two assists, and one steal.

## First Game

**Feds 86**—Gamboa 35, McCain 13, Apelo 12, Camacho 12,

Ogarto 4, Esteves 3, Sablan 3, Deleon Guerrero 2, Tyquenco 2.

**DPS 76**—Camacho 17, J. Sablan 17, S. Pua 16, Rabauliman 11, Ogunoro 8, Saures 3, Manglona 2, J. Pua 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 15-24, 32-45, 57-66, 86-76.

## Second Game

**DCCA 74**—Pangelinan 19, Manabat 10, Ito 7, Mangarero 7, L. Deleon Guerrero 6, Inos 6, Wesley 6, R. Deleon Guerrero Jr. 5, Macaranas 5, Aaron 1.

**CHC 49**—B. Ajoste 11, Fernandez 11, Nunag 9, Rajo 7, De Leon 3, Carotan 3, Flores 2, Hinolan 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 15-12, 38-29, 60-34, 74-49.

Windy Fernandez and Cris Hilario will face Saturno and Jeff Riman in the mixed doubles B finals, while siblings Jerome and Nicole Malasarte will vie for the mixed doubles C crown against Baby Banadera and Patrick Fernandez.

Choi and Yu are the team to beat in the 40-up mixed doubles division finals and will take on the winner of the match between Edwin Montoya and Marylyn Montano and the husband-and wife tandem of Joel and Alma Ortega.

## CHAMPS

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doubles B division after sweeping their three matches in the elimination round. They had to grind out a 14-21, 21-14, 21-19 decision over the pair of Alma Ortega and Dianne Francisco to emerge as champions.

Ortega and Francisco earned the right of facing Saturno and Sison after scoring a 21-19, 21-18 win over Marylyn Montano and Lucelle Lampera.

Last Saturday, youngsters

Mykki Caracut and Nicole Malasarte became the first champions of this year’s competition, overcoming the twice-to-beat advantage of Roxie Lazaro and Gigi Zapanta to rule the women’s doubles C.

Caracut and Malasarte scored a 21-10, 21-4 win to force a winner-take-all Game 2 and completed the title victory with a 21-7, 21-10 decision.

Both pairs played their first matches with Lazaro and Zapanta winning their first two games by default, including

against Caracut and Malasarte, who also won via walkover after another no-show from Patricia Abanto and Jerralyn Castillo.

Meanwhile, seven finals matches will be played this Friday with Glenn Blautjens and Young Son aiming to exploit their twice-to-beat edge against the rising pair of Jong Min and Deether Ortega in the men’s doubles A.

Blautjens and Son swept their way to the finals, while Min and Ortega had to beat three other pairs after being relegated to the loser’s bracket following a

21-20, 9-21, 16-21 loss to the Andreau Galvez and Jerome Malasarte tandem.

Min and Ortega dispatched Ferdie Arago and Cris Hilario, 21-10, 21-17, then followed it up with a tough 21-17, 18-21, 21-17 decision against Aries Cordero and Jerry Hibi. Min and Ortega went on to clinch the second finals berth after a masterful 21-6, 21-14 win over Jordan Pangilinan and Joel Ortega.

In other pairings, Son and Min teamed up in the men’s

doubles B and will contest the division crown against Ezekiel Macario and Deether Ortega.

Youth players Janelle Pangelinan and Jenine Savellano stunned the top-seeded pair of Choi and Sison in the women’s doubles A division finals, 21-11, 21-19, to force a deciding Game 2.

Savellano is also in title contention for the mixed doubles A crown as she and Blautjens are holding a twice-to-beat advantage over the brother-sister tandem of Jordan and Janelle Pangelinan in the finals.



# Shirley's zeroes in on semis seat; MBI splits games

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Shirley's Coffee Shop virtually sealed a semis berth in the 2014 JP World Cup. Customer Appreciation Basketball League after pounding Micronesian Brokers, Inc./Anchor, 93-68, last Wednesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Shirley's improved to 6-0 to remain on top of the nine-team field and with two games left—against cellar dweller Docomo Pacific (0-6) and the inconsistent Commonwealth Utilities, Corp. (3-4)—in its regular season campaign, the league-leading squad is like to automatically advance to the semis. The two outright semis slot will go to the Top 2 finishers in the round-robin elimination.

MBI/Anchor is still in the fight for the last automatic semis berth, as it earlier defeated CUC last Friday, 96-70, to have a 5-2 record and tie Joeten in second place. Public School System, with its 4-2 mark, joins the three-way battle for the remaining outright Final Four seat, while McDonald's (3-3) is a long shot in the fight. Saipan Ice & Water

(2-6) and Top Development, Inc. (0-5) complete the field.

Shirley's prevented MBI/Anchor from notching another win after gaining full control of their match in the third period. Shirley's exploded for 30 points in the third canto against the 16 markers of MBI/Anchor, turning a 36-31 halftime edge to a 66-48 advantage. Earlier in the first frame, Shirley's faced a 16-19 deficit, as Matt Duenas and company failed to get their acts together.

Duenas, Lerio Pagarao, Erick Dela Rosa, and Sean Rabasto then got things going for Shirley's in the third to build a comfortable lead, while the rest of their teammates contributed in the fourth quarter to keep the team's safe distance.

Duenas and Pagarao went on to top-score for Shirley's, making 16 points each, while Dela Rosa and Rabasto added 15 and 13, respectively.

Meanwhile, in last Friday's game, MBI capitalized on the depleted crew of CUC to cruise to victory.

CUC suited up for the week-end match with only five players and put on a good stand only in the first half of the opening period before MBI took over en route to a 26-point winning

margin.

CUC managed to tie the match at 9-all off Iramk Simada's second field goal of the night with 4:39 left in the first period, but MBI had 14-2 windup to establish an early double-digit lead, 23-11. MBI never looked back from thereon, as CUC clearly lacked the manpower to keep up with the younger and faster MBI players.

## FRIDAY

**MBI/Anchor 96** – Devero 30, Capalad 15, Fernando 12, Zapanta 10, Lizama 9, Trajano 6, Cordero 2, Garcia 4, Garciano 2.

**CUC 70** – Nunez 25, Benavente 16, Simada 10, Lieto 10, Masga 9.

**Scoring by quarters:** 23-11, 51-29, 78-45, 96-70.

## MONDAY

**Shirley's 93** – Duenas 16, Pagarao 16, Dela Rosa 15, Rabasto 13, Manibusan 9, Drillon 5, Usi 4, Jugos 3, Esdrelon 3, Aguilar 2.

**MBI/Anchor 68** – Zapanta 16, Fernando 14, Devero 13, Lizama 10, Capalad 9, Cordero 2, Viola 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 16-19, 36-31, 66-48, 93-68.



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MBI/Anchor's Pete Lizama pulls up for an uncontested floater during the second quarter of their game against CUC in the JP World caging last Friday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

# Streaking Sonics notch fifth victory

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The Sonics stretched their winning run to five after routing Kagman Sparks, 78-52, in the lone U21 game in the 2014 BANMI Youth League last Monday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

With their streak and 5-1 record, the Sonics remained in second place in the team standings behind the unbeaten Ol'Aces (5-0), while Kagman slid from second to third spot with its 4-2 mark.

The Sonics put the game away for good in the third period when

they established a 22-point lead, 60-38, after Kagman brought the deficit to single digit at the end of the second quarter, 28-36. The quartet of Jaymark De Guzman, Emerson Fera, Gerald Flores, and Erick De La Rosa hit at least two field goals apiece in the third period to give the Sonics a much safer distance, entering the fourth quarter.

The same Sonics crew also delivered the killer blows in the final canto to hand Kagman its second loss in six outings.

Fera led the Sonics with his 20 points, while De Guzman added 16, and Dela Rosa and Flores contributed 15 and 10, respectively. Only Jason Lampkin hit the double-figure mark for

Kagman, as he fired a game-high 21 points. Lampkin's supposed supporting crew—Jesse and Jonathan Santos, Allan Yu, and Mike Muna—made no more than three field goals apiece and failed to nail baskets in streaks.

Jesse had a quiet 8 points and was the only Kagman player to score more than one field goal in the third quarter letdown, while Yu and Jonathan tallied 6 markers each and Muna logged 5. The three other Kagman players who made it to the board had only 2 points each, while the Sonics also prevailed in bench scoring with its three stringers combining for 24 points.

J.P. Villanueva came off the bench for the Sonics and ended the first period with back-to-back baskets to give his team a 21-10 lead. Villanueva replaced De Guzman, who sat out after scoring 9 early points and nearly match Kagman's output.

Kagman picked up its scoring in the second period with Lampkin drilling the Sparks' last 10 points to cut the deficit to single digit at halftime. However, Kagman failed to complete its comeback bid in the second half with only Lampkin consistently hitting his shots, while the Sonics had multiple offensive options.

**Sonics 78**—Fera 20, De Guzman 16, Dela Rosa 15, Flores 10, Aranda 8, J. Villanueva 6, Je. Villanueva 2.

**Kagman 52**—Lampkin 21, Je. Santos 8, Yu 6, Jo. Santos 6, Muna 5, Palino 2, Prado 2, Mettao 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 21-10, 36-28, 60-38, 78-52.



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The Sonics' Jack Aranda drives against two Dream Team defenders during an earlier U21 division game in the BANMI youth caging at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

# Sand Juvy teams threaten Ridin'Darry's title bid

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Two Sand Juvy-backed teams are posing a threat on the Naked Fish Ridin'Darry's title bid in the A division of the 2014 Saipan Electronic Darts Association Bud Light League after the completion of last week games at various bars on the island.

The Ridin'Darry are sitting atop the 10-team field with a 104-66 win-loss record, but not far behind are the Outlawz (103-67) and sister team Predators (101-69).

The Outlawz could have overtaken the two if not for an 11-6 setback against the Route33 Mafia. The Predators could have also grabbed the lead or tied the Ridin'Darry, but instead settled for a 12-5 win over the Mixblood Shooters. The Ridin'Darry managed to hold on to the top ranking after an 11-6 decision against lowly Smoke Pub Comatose.

In other A division matches, the San Juvy 1010 Proofers completed a 13-4 rout of sister squad Hunters, while the Bud Brothers trounced Sakude, 10-7.

Chichirika C division leader Smoke Pub Snipers (87-63) stayed on top after an 11-4 win over VFW (74-76), while the Barcode Breakers (86-64) is one-game behind following a 10-5 triumph against Poseidon (79-71).

Also a close third are the Jokers Disciples (85-65), who dealt the cellar-dwelling Blue

Koi's a 10-5 beating.

The Jokers Spartans (82-68) and Joe's DNA (69-81) pulled off similar 8-7 wins over Sand Juvy Ta'Chagi (82-68) and Bull It (56-94).

Route33 Chagi Fan took a bye last week, but remained on top of the Kingfisher C division with a 110-40 record. The Jokers Latte Darts' 13-2 win over the BSEA Sunsports (66-84) moved them to six wins behind the leaders at (104-46) while the Dart Knights (101-49) and the Darty Minded (88-62) scored identical 13-2 routs over the Naked Fish Hafa Mas (88-62) and Oleai Rebelz (43-107).

In the Fanihi Thursday B, Smoke Pub D'Mekaniks (107-43) drubbed Sand Juvy Put3ska (99-51), 12-3; the Route33 Mixblood Shooters (86-64) tripped the VFW Warriors (62-88); and the Jokers Chagi Fan and Smoke Pub 80 Proofers pulled off similar 8-7 decisions over the Bud Kings and No Fear, which both hold identical 61-89 slates.

Naked Fish Na'Gupu (92-58) nipped Sand Juvy Team Dart Balas (80-70), 8-7; Ridin'Darry (90-60) blanked Smoke Pub Team Figan (23-

127), 15-0; Oneshot (88-62) clipped the Jokers Warriors (66-84), 12-3; and Joe's Serial Killaz trounced Jhonny's Kyodai, 10-5, in the Flame Tree Thursday B division.

The Dartin Divas (65-55) and the Kitty Katz (77-58) escaped with similar 8-7 victories over the Mixed Nutz (62-73) and the Avengers (55-65), while the Darties (80-55) defeated the Shooters (55-60), 10-5, in the Ladies division.

In the Tuesday B, the Jokers X-ecutioners (98-52), Smoke Pub Dartaholcis (79-71) and the High On Darts (68-82) pulled off identical 10-5 wins over the Dabarkads (76-74), Oleai Team Fealeess (63-87) and the Sand Juvy Sparkz (44-106), while the Route33 Mixblood Shooters (79-71) and Smoke Pub D'Mekaniks escaped with similar 8-7 decisions over Marupok (95-55) and Snipers (73-77).

Meanwhile, in the Masters division, the Jokers Destroyers (108-62) lead TRA-Bull Makerz (78-92), Sand Juvy Shoot Balut (78-92) and the Smoke Pub Master Outlawz (63-90).



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Naked Fish Na'Gupu players pose for a photo before playing in the SEDA league last week.





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## MP United still perfect in PH Cup

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**M**P United Football Club's U14 and U17 teams are still unbeaten in the 2014 Pilipinas Cup.

In the U14 division, MP United bagged wins against Higala FC, 1-0, last Monday at Nuvali Evolving Field in Sta. Rosa, Laguna, and versus Loyola Meralco Sparks yesterday, 2-1.

Sun Joon Tenorio scored the lone goal in MP United's debut in the Pilipinas Cup, converting a 25-yard free kick from the left side (upper 90) in the second half of their exciting match against Higala FC, a Cagayan De Oro-based team in the southern part of the Philippines and one of the top

teams in Palarong Pambansa (PH National Games).

On the defensive end, goalkeeper Clayton Izuka stood his ground, as he was accounted for more than 14 saves, according to coach Norman Del Rosario.

"We played as a team in the first game and never gave up



on defense despite our opponent's so many opportunities to score," Del Rosario said in a message sent to *Saipan Tribune* last Monday night.

Less than 24 hours after prevailing in their debut in the four-day competition, MP United U14 returned to the pitch and faced Loyola Meralco Sparks, which is one of the

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MP United U14 players and coach Norman Del Rosario, standing right, pose for a photo before playing in the 2014 Pilipinas Cup last Monday at the Nuvali Evolving Field in Sta. Rosa, Laguna, Philippines.



## Two more pairs crowned division champs

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Two more pairs were crowned

champions in their respective divisions last Sunday night in the Tan Holdings Open 2014 at the TSL Sports Complex.



The men's pair of Patrick Fernandez and Leo Su ruled the doubles C division of the annual badminton tournament, while Cheng Saturno and Rowena Sison duplicated their feat in the women's doubles B category.

Fernandez and Su enjoyed a twice-to-beat edge in the finals after going undefeated in three games. They faced the tandem of Hanchael Yu and Daniel Kim in the title match. The top-seeded duo completed their title run with a 13-21, 21-13, 21-11 triumph over Yu and Kim. Fernandez and Su earlier scored a 21-8, 23-21 decision over Yu and Kim in the semifinals, and the latter pair needed a 21-14, 21-15 victory against the father-son tandem of Taeho and Jun Kim to arrange a rematch with their tormentors in the finals.

Saturno and Sison were also the team to beat in the women's

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Janelle Pangilinan tries to return the shuttlecock during her and Jenine Savellano doubles match against Hannah Choi and Rowena Sison in the Tan Holdings Open 2014 last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.



## Contrasting wins for Feds, DCCA

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The Feds and the Department of Cultural and Community Affairs scored contrasting wins in the continuation of the 2014 IT&E-DYS Inter-Government Basketball League last Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Feds rallied from a 13-point second-quarter deficit in scoring an 86-76 come-from-behind win over Department of Public Safety, while DCCA scored an easy 74-49 decision against Commonwealth Health Center.

The Feds, whose three-game winning run was stopped by DCCA's 71-65 triumph last week, improved to 4-1, while DPS dropped its second straight game for a 1-2 record.

Marvin Rabauliman scored 9 points to help DPS open up with a 24-15 lead that further ballooned to 45-32 at the turn.

The Feds slowly and patiently trimmed DPS' advantage and by the end of the third canto, cut it to single digit at 66-57. Ronnel Gamboa, who almost single-handedly kept the Feds

afloat, scored 11 of his team's 29 points in the fourth quarter, while holding DPS to 10 points to complete the comeback win. Gamboa finished with a game-high 35 points, Ken McCain added 13 markers, while Leo Apelo and Juan Camacho chipped in 12 apiece.

Edwin Camacho and John Sablan tallied 17 points each to lead the scoring for DPS, which lost despite firing 10 3-pointers in the entire game, while Shane Pua and Rabauliman combined for 27 markers.

In the second game, DCCA used its running game to overcome CHC's size advantage in

cruising to a 25-point win.

CHC kept it close after one quarter, 15-12, and was still very much in the game after staring at a 9-point deficit at the half-time break, 29-38. However, DCCA pulled away in the third as it poured 21 points and in the process limited CHC to just 6 markers the entire 10 minutes. DCCA was never threatened from there to hike its record to 2-1, while CHC remains winless after three matches.

Pangilinan paced DCCA with 19 points, seven rebounds, and four assists, while Brian

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DCCA's Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero, center, goes up for a jumper against two CHC defenders during the IT&E-DYS Inter-Government Basketball League last Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.